

The Parish Church of All Saints', Sanderstead Team Ministry

PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 24th May

Sunday after Ascension



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The Ascension

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

All of you are welcome to share in this service of worship. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Christian faith, you can contact Martin or Jeremy, All Saints' clergy, whose details you will find on the Sanderstead Parish website.

We cannot meet together as we would wish. We have to stay apart. Yet Jesus gives the Holy Spirit, so that by faith we can sense that we are one body as a Church.

You may wish to light a candle, and if you would like to share in Communion, prepare a table with bread and wine.

The service order has links to the songs.

Our Theme: "How long, Lord?" Jesus told his disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit.

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.**

Our opening hymn:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NC5FfEavPM4>

ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL,

sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from us and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore.

William Kethe (d. 1594) from 'Day's Psalter' (1560)

Prayer of 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.**

Prayer 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.

The 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 Collect (or special prayer) for the Sunday after the Ascension

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 – Bible Readings

First Reading: Acts 1:4-11

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶ "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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

These prayers end with...

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament



The priest greets the people in peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

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

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

Hymn:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaRwD2Y7C0s>

MAJESTY, WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY,
Unto Jesus be all glory, honour and praise.
Majesty, Kingdom, Authority, flows from His Throne
Unto His own, His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His Majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Jack W. Hayford (b. 1934)

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

This prayer is said:

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**

Additional Eucharistic Prayer One.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

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.

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.
You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.
You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

**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, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.
Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.
Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.
Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.
Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.
For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, 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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light
and life.**

The Invitation

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

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

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.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Time of Quiet

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**

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...

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgLwH5RdtPk>

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY,

I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright,
who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
whom shall I send?

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

