

## Eucharist for the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul

### First Hymn

O glorious light, eternal ray,  
Whose love and peace to us abound,  
You make to shine the glorious day  
The Princes of the church were crowned.

The great apostles, by their lives  
And teaching, show us Christ the Lord,  
Whose death and resurrection brings  
Pardon of sin and heav'n's reward.

O Peter, heaven's keys you bear  
O Paul, you teach the grace of God.  
By sword and cross you came to share  
The laurel crown and heaven's laud.

Blest Peter, pray for us, your flock,  
That loosed from chains of sin we may  
By following the path you walked  
share in the great, eternal day.

Saint Paul, unequalled teacher, pray,  
teach us to live by faith, not sight.  
So may our hearts, transposed on high,  
Worship the uncreated light.

Unto the Blessed Trinity  
Perpetual praise and glory be.  
All pow-er to the unity  
Which reigns through all eternity. Amen.

*The priest greets everyone*

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.**

*The priest invites the people to call to mind their sins and ask for God's forgiveness*

Jesus said to his apostles, ' You are my friends if you obey my commands.' We ask forgiveness for the times we have failed to live as Christ's friends.

Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to be your friends:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to go out  
and bear fruit:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your power you send us  
to be your faithful witnesses:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*The priest assures the people of God's forgiveness*

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**All Amen**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**All**    **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.**

## **Collect**

Let us pray for grace to remain true  
to the faith which has come to us through the  
apostles Peter and Paul.

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul  
glorified you in their death as in their life:  
grant that your Church,  
inspired by their teaching and example,  
and made one by your Spirit,  
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,  
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**

*We hear the first scripture reading, read by Rosie*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 12.1-11)

“About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard

him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'"

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

## **Gospel reading**

*The priest sings*

Alleluia, alleluia. I do not call you servants but friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

**All    Alleluia!**

*The priest introduces the gospel reading*

The Lord be with you

**All    and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew (Matthew 16.13-19)

**All    Glory to you, O Lord**

"Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All    Praise to you, O Christ**

*The Sermon is preached by Barnaby.*

## **The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God, Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit:

**All 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**

*The prayers of intercession are led by Rosie  
The following response is used throughout the prayers*

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

*At the end of the prayers we use the following words*

Merciful Father,  
**All accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*The priest introduces the peace:*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:  
'Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you.'  
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your church,  
and graciously grant us the peace and unity  
of your kingdom. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

**All and also with you**

### Preparation of the Table

*The priest prays over the gifts on the altar*

Lord, receive our offering,  
and may this sacrifice of praise  
purify us in mind and heart  
and make us always eager to serve you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**All Amen.**

## 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 and good that we should give you  
thanks, praise and glory, almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For after his resurrection

he sent out his apostles and evangelists

to preach the gospel to all nations

and lead us in the way of truth.

Himself the chief cornerstone,

he founded his Church upon the apostles

firmly to stand for ever

as a sign of your holiness upon earth

and a living witness to all

of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven, we lift our voices

and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts  
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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once  
for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of God, St Peter, St Paul,  
St Thomas of Canterbury, the blessed Apostles,  
and all the Saints who have pleased you  
throughout the ages,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All Amen**

## **The Lord's prayer**

In communion with the apostles,  
and at our saviour's command,  
with boldness we pray:

**All 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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*As the priest breaks the bread we use the following response:*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup  
**All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**All O Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world  
grant us your peace.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

*The priest invites the people to make their spiritual communion,*

Behold the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*As you look at the sacrament on the altar you might use these words to express your desire to receive Christ into your heart.*

**All    My dear Lord Jesus Christ,  
I believe that you are present  
in the most holy sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already with me,  
and I unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

## **Anthem**

*During Communion we hear the anthem*

## **Music: Christopher Tye (c1505-c1572)**

*Laudate nomen Domini, vos servi Domini,  
ab ortu solis usque ad occasum eius.  
Decreta Dei iusta sunt, at cor exhilarant.  
Laudate Deum, principes et omnes populi.*

Paraphrase (metrical) translation:

*O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise His holy name.  
From early morn to setting sun His might on earth proclaim.  
His laws are just, and glad the heart; He makes His mercies known.  
Ye princes, come, ye people too, and bow before His throne*

## **Post communion prayer**

**All    Lord, you have shared your truth with us,  
and you have made yourself known  
in the breaking of the bread.  
remain with us,  
that, blessed by your presence,  
we may walk with you  
all the days of our life. Amen.**



## Final hymn

The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy Bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with the God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

## **Blessing and dismissal**

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

God, who has prepared for you a city  
with eternal foundations,  
bring you, with Peter and Paul and all the saints,  
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

*The Eucharist concludes with the following response:*

Go in peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**