

THE PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, LAVENDER HILL

Sunday 21 April 2024
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
11.00am Solemn Mass

*A very warm welcome to everyone especially if this is your first visit.
Please join us for refreshments following the service.*

Please take this order of service away with you

THIS WEEK

Observances	Monday:	<i>Easter Weekday</i>
	Tuesday:	ST GEORGE No Mass today
	Wednesday:	<i>Easter Weekday</i> No Mass today
	Thursday:	ST MARK No Mass today
	Friday:	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Low Mass: 10.00am
	Saturday:	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Holy Rosary: 11.00am Low Mass: 11.30am
	Sunday 28 th :	EASTER V Solemn Mass: 11.00am

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A warm welcome to the Ascension, Lavender Hill. We are a Parish of the Diocese of Southwark and under the Episcopal care of the Bishop of Fulham. If you would like to know more about the Ascension, have queries about baptisms, weddings and funerals, or any questions about the Christian Faith, please speak to the Parish Priest, Fr Philip, who will be pleased to assist you:

Fr Philip Kennedy

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If you are a taxpayer and are able to gift-aid your donation please do so by either placing your cash donation into a blue envelope and filling in your details on the front, or ask one of the Churchwardens for a Gift Aid form.

Thank you for your support.



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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Please stand when the bell rings.

ENTRANCE HYMN

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The priest introduces the confession. Silence is kept for recollection of our sins.

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

ABSOLUTION

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

KYRIE ELEISON

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

All sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 4: 8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 118

Verses sung by the cantor. We sing the Response together.

Response:

The stone_ re - ject - ed by the build - ers

has be - come the cor - ner - stone.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response, with lyrics 'The stone_ re - ject - ed by the build - ers' written below. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'has be - come the cor - ner - stone.' written below. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for a cantor or choir.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3: 1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand to welcome the Gospel.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 10: 11-18

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

All sit.

HOMILY: Fr Philip Kennedy, *Vicar*

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow at the memorial of the Incarnation:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. *All rise*

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.**

**I 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
adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

The reader leads the people in intercession.

The response to each prayer:

**Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.**

At the end of the intercessions we pray together:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

At the conclusion of the intercessions:

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

All stand to sing the offertory hymn as the altar is prepared. A collection is taken to help with the ministry and mission of the Church.

**Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.**

*Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"*

**King most holy, King of truth,
guard the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ the King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.**

**Shepherd-king, o'er mountains steep
homeward bring the wandering sheep;
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old.**

**Eucharistic King, what love
draws thee daily from above,
clad in signs of bread and wine :
feed us, lead us, keep us thine!**

**King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our hearts, our minds, our wills;
till in peace, each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings:**

*Sing with joy in ev'ry home : "Sacred Heart, thy kingdom come!
To the King of ages, then, honour, glory, love : Amen!"*

When the altar is prepared the Priest says:

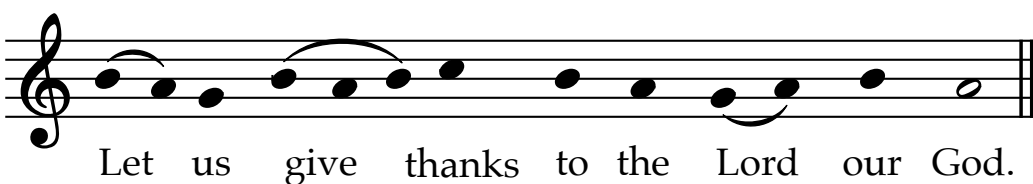
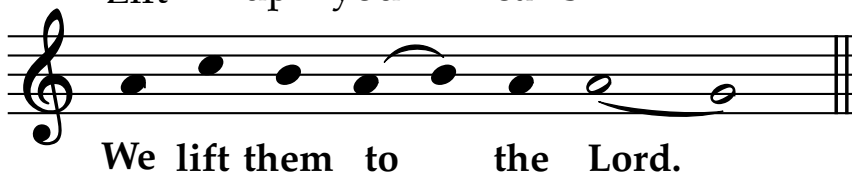
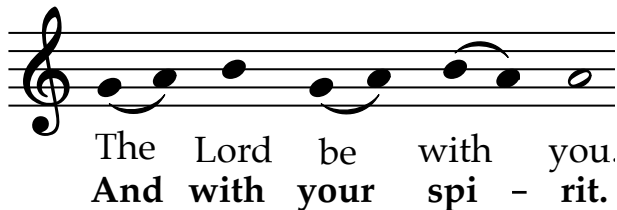
Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,
so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PREFACE



The priest sings the Preface, after which we sing:

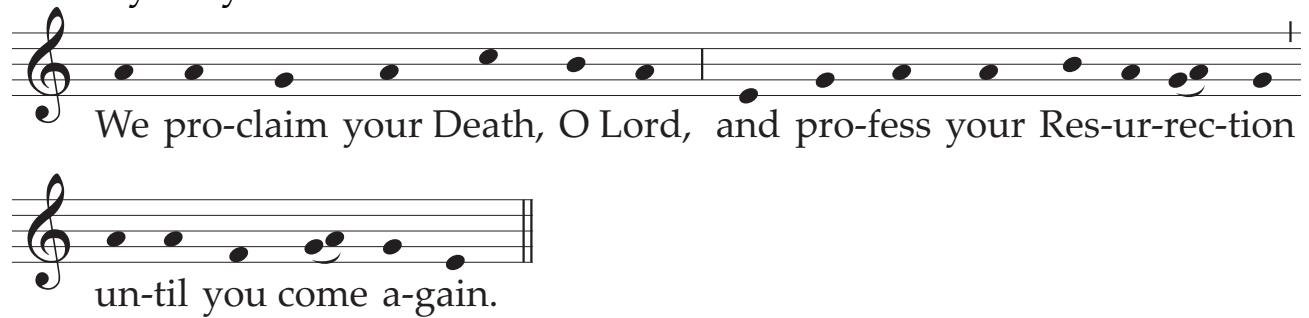
SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel or sit as the Eucharistic Prayer continues.

The mystery of faith:



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion
un-til you come a-gain.

The prayer concludes "...for ever and ever" to which all reply:
Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

All stand as the priest invites the people to pray:

**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.**

Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may always be free from sin and safe from all distress as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

THE PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace, I give you: look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with your spirit.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

HOLY COMMUNION

If you are baptised in the name of the Trinity and normally receive Holy Communion in your own Church, you are welcome to receive the Sacrament here today. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms or bring this order of service with you as a sign to the priest.

COMMUNION HYMN

1. When the loving Shepherd,
Ere he left the earth,
Shed, to pay our ransom,
Blood of priceless worth
These his lambs so cherished
Purchased for his own
He would not abandon
In the world alone.

2. Ere he makes us partners
Of his realm on high
Happy and immortal
With him in the sky;
Love immense, stupendous
Makes him here below
Partner of our exile
In this world of woe.

3. Jesus, food of angels
Monarch of the heart
O that I could never
From thy face depart;
For thou ever dwellest
Here for love of me
Hidden thou remainest
God of majesty.

4. Soon I hope to see thee
And enjoy thy love
Face to face, Sweet Jesus,
In thy heaven above;
But on earth an exile,
My delight shall be
Ever to be near thee
Veiled for love of me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand.

Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
may have a continuing effect
in our minds and hearts.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE & NOTICES

All sit.

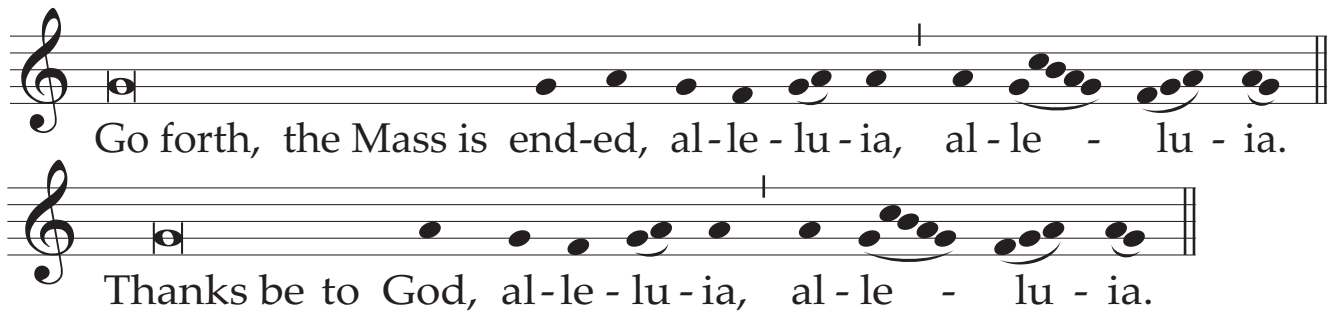
BLESSING & DISMISSAL

All stand.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and +the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Go forth, the Mass is end-ed, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Thanks be to God, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

REGINA CAELI

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia.

He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.

As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia.

Pour for us to him thy prayer, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray.

O God, by the Resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
thou has brought joy to the whole world;
grant that aided by the prayers of His Mother Mary,
we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Love's redeeming work is done;
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
Where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
Thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Toccata in D minor
 Gordon Balch Nevin (1892-1943)

Please remain standing until the procession has left the church.

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FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those in need

Elly Kostur, Jean Tester, Cath Papangelou, Maureen Papangelou, Shabnam Mehdi-Poor, Alvin Rhodon, Andrew Woods, Carol Farley, Luke Guthrie, Alan, Jim Warwick, Roy Norton, Robin Farquhar-Thomson, Victoria, Ann Guthrie, Vicki Guthrie, Becky Saint, Joanne Donaghy.

We pray for peace in the Holy Land.

Recently departed

Daphne Wright, Paul Lever, George Goodson, David Ford, Peter Lawrence, Nel Coleshill

Anniversaries of death

21: Alfred George Peach, Edith Sutcliffe, Ada Downey, David Graham

22: Elsie Cowland, Rosemary Lambert

23: Robert Marley, Emily Davey, Alice Lyddall, Ethel Buik, Kathleen Walton

24: Arthur Richards, Elizabeth Hopper, William Mansfield, Ronald Coe, James Henry Reid, Flora Lewis

25: Emily Stokes, Marion Howse, Beryl Elston-Evans, Lucia March

26: Margaret Snead

27: Joyce Mead, David John Parratt

NOTICES

MASS TIMES

Please note carefully the Mass times detailed on the front cover.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

Monday 27 May – day pilgrimage to Walsingham by coach from the Ascension. Adults: £25; Children: £12.50. £10 non-refundable deposit to secure your place. Please see Barbara Marcham.

AMP & APCM

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after the Parish Mass on Sunday 19 May

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll (effectively our church membership list) is open for revision from today. If you have begun to worship with us regularly in the last year and are not yet on the roll, or if your details have changed, please look out for the forms which are available from Fr Philip.

ASCENSION CELEBRATIONS 2024

Saturday 11 May at 5.00pm: Solemn First Vespers (five copes) & Benediction, followed by supper in the Clergy House. *A sign-up sheet for supper after this service is now available at the back of church.*

Sunday 12 May at 5.00pm: Parish Mass, followed by a party in church
Visiting preacher: Fr Harri Williams SSC, Vicar of Walsingham

WALSINGHAM CELL SOCIAL EVENING

Saturday 27 April at 7.30pm in Church. *Tickets: £5 per adult (to include first glass of wine) and £1 donation per glass of wine thereafter; Children go free. Raffle tickets £1 a strip. Please see Barbara Marcham.*

SOCIETY OF MARY MAY DEVOTION: SATURDAY 5 MAY

The May Devotion takes place as usual at St Silas', Kentish Town NW5 at 12 noon, followed by an outdoor procession of Our Lady to Holy Trinity, Hartland Road NW1.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION: SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024

Bp Jonathan will be with us on Sunday 2 June (the Solemnity of Corpus Christi) to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. The next preparation session: Sunday 28 April after the Parish Mass.

FR AIDAN BARTLETT,

our visiting preacher in March for the Solemnity of St Joseph, invites us to join him **this evening** at 5.00pm, as the Bishop licenses him as Priest-in-Charge of Holy Trinity, Hoxton – the Parish where the late Fr Iain Young served before coming to Lavender Hill.

FRIDAY 7 JUNE: THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Sung Mass at 7pm. Our visiting preacher that evening will be Fr Geoffrey Owen, Parish Priest of Christ Church & St Stephen, Battersea and sometime Area Dean.

SUNDAY 9 JUNE

We look forward to welcoming Br Michael Jacob SSF as our visiting preacher at the Parish Mass on Sunday 9 June. Br Michael is a life-professed member of the Society of St Francis, and has lived and worked most recently in the Society's house in Leeds

Today is 'Good Shepherd' Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter receives this title due to the theme of the proper prayers and the Gospel Reading at Mass. Good Shepherd Sunday is an opportunity to pray for vocations, to encourage those who might be considering ordination or the religious life, and for each of us to ask ourselves whether the Lord might be calling us to do some definite service for him. Might the Lord be calling you to some new form of service in his Church? Or do you discern in someone else the gifts and talents that could be used in the service of the body of Christ? We pray that the Lord will call more faithful priests, deacons and religious to his service, and for those whose task it is in the Church to discern these particular callings in others. Let us pray for the work of St Stephen's House, Oxford, for the staff and students, particularly for those to be ordained this summer.

Good Shepherd Sunday is also an opportunity for us to pray, as we do here regularly, for the visible unity of Christ's Church – that we may, under the guidance of God the Holy Spirit, be one flock united under one shepherd.

