

THE PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, LAVENDER HILL

Sunday 18 August 2024
The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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>St John Eudes</i> Low Mass: 10.00am
	Tuesday:	<i>St Bernard of Clairvaux</i> No Mass today
	Wednesday:	<i>St Pius X</i> No Mass today
	Thursday:	<i>Our Lady, Mother and Queen</i> No Mass today
	Friday:	<i>St Rose of Lima</i> No Mass today
	Saturday:	ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE Holy Rosary: 11.00am Low Mass: 11.30am
	Sunday 25 th :	21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven.
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

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.

The priest introduces the Mass.

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.

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, 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: PROVERBS 9: 1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'

To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 34

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

Response:



Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5: 15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but you redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand to welcome the Gospel.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:

to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 6: 51-58

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 to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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 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.

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not,
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]**

When the altar is prepared the Priest says:

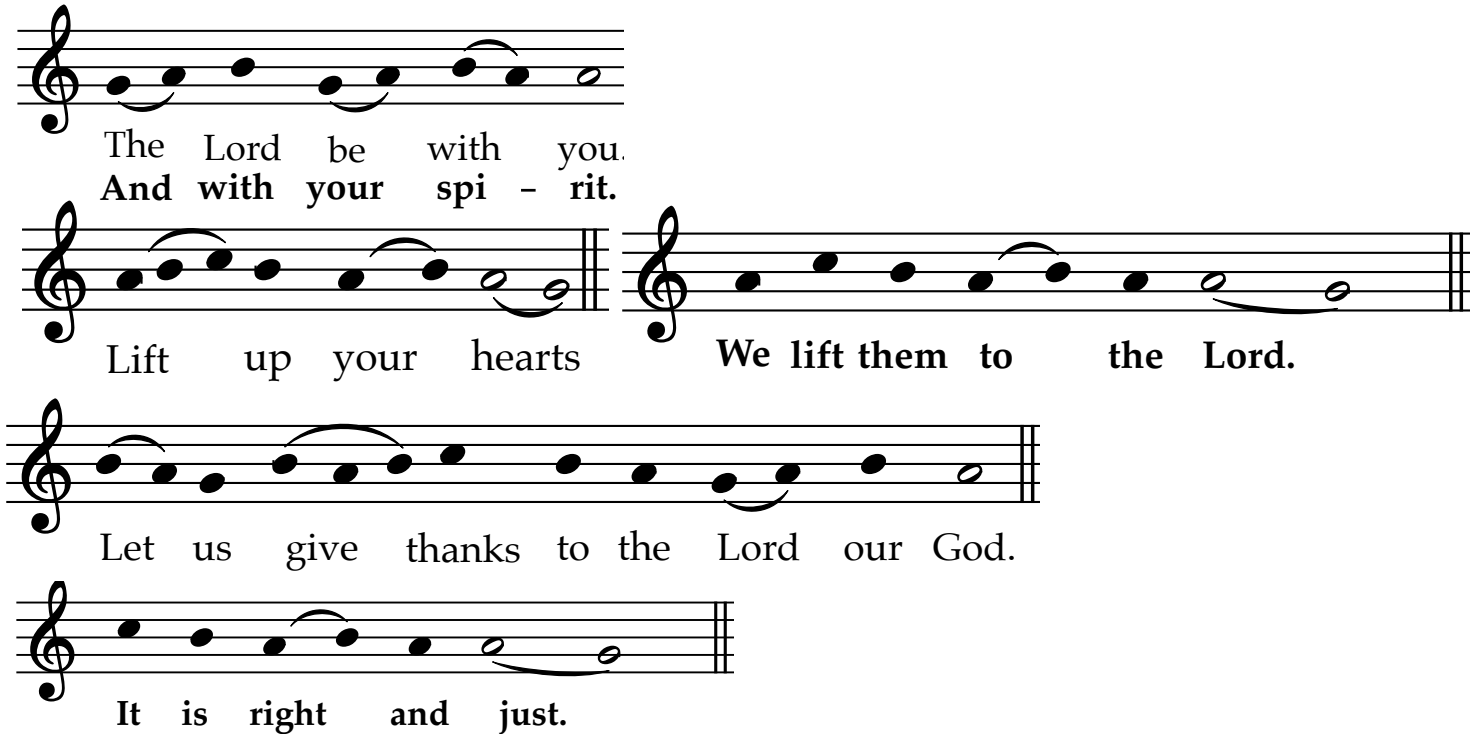
Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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

Receive our oblation, O Lord,
by which is brought about a glorious exchange,
that, by offering what you have given,
we may merit to receive your very self.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PREFACE



The Lord be with you.
And with your spi - rit.

Lift up your hearts We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

The priest sings the Preface, after which we sing:

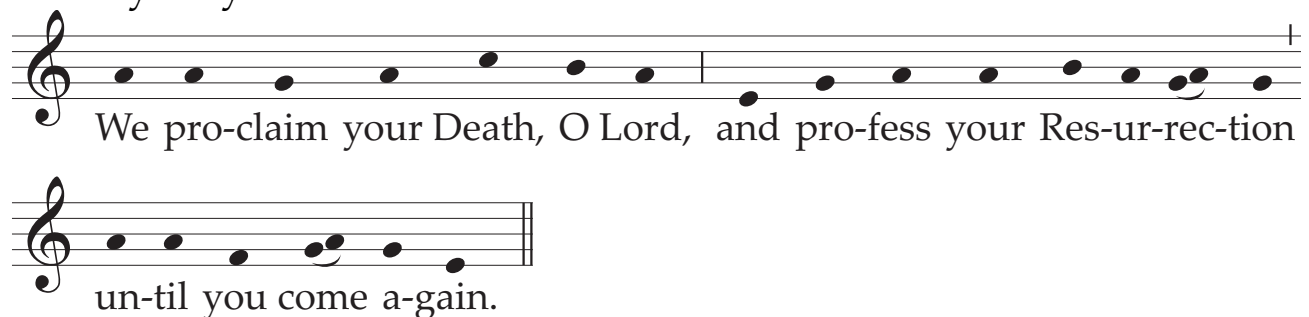
SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**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.

The priest and ministers receive Holy Communion.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

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.

If you wish to receive the Precious Blood, please make your way after receiving the Host to the chalice-bearer standing in front of the pulpit.

COMMUNION HYMN

**Sweet Sacrament divine,
Hid in thine earthly home,
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,
With suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

**Sweet Sacrament of peace,
Dear home for every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease
And sorrows all depart;
There in thine ear all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery:
Sweet Sacrament of peace.**

Sweet Sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
Within thy shelter blest
Soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine
Thy Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
That earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand.

Let us pray.

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,
we humbly implore your mercy, Lord,
that, conformed to his image on earth,
we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
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.**



V. Go forth, the Mass is end-ed. R. Thanks be to God.

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef. It contains two measures of music. The first measure has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on A4, and a quarter note on G4. The second measure has a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a quarter note on C5. The staff ends with a double bar line.

THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

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. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh.
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we
have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of
an angel, so by his Cross and Passion may we be brought to the glory of
his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

**King of glory, King of peace,
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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Postlude on the hymn tune Gwalchmai*
(King of Glory, King of Peace)
Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

Please remain standing until the procession has left the church.

You are warmly invited to join us after Mass for refreshments.

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, Roy Norton, Robin Farquhar-
Thomson, Victoria, Ann Guthrie, Vicki Guthrie, Becky Saint, Joanne
Donaghy, Mary Lynagh

Recently departed

Ian Keatley, Daphne Wright, Maria Newitt, Janice Padgett, Timothy
Dudley-Smith (bishop)

Anniversaries of death

18: Mabel Violet Smith, Peter Hurl, Doris Patten, Lilian Seymour
19: John George Hughes (bp) 20: William Johnson
21: Emily Ellen Carey, Sylvia Hewitt
22: Jonathan Graham (pr), Willie Salmon, George Robertson
24: Gerard Beamont (pr), Elizabeth Downham, John Wilson

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Fr Philip is on the chaplaincy team at the Edington Festival in Wiltshire, an annual festival of music in the liturgy.

Mass will be celebrated here on Monday and Saturday mornings (see front page). On other days, the Mass is celebrated at St Agnes', Kennington (SE11 4BB) at 10.00am on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.

TODAY: OPEN GARDEN

Rupert Tyler and Charles Rutherford are opening their garden this afternoon at 51 The Chase SW4 0NP as part of the National Garden Scheme. Entry: £5.00 for adults; children free. All proceeds to the Scheme's nursing charities

PCC MEETING

The PCC meets next on Wednesday 11 September at 7.00pm in church.

CARROTY WOOD: 30 OCTOBER 2024

Please return the permission forms for this trip as soon as possible. Thank you.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Our next parish pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place between 26 and 28 October. For those making the pilgrimage, final payments are now due. Please also let us know of any dietary / access requirements, as these need to be communicated to the accommodation office soon.

From the Bishop of Southwark
to be shared in parishes in the Diocese

We urge our communities to seek peace and unity in response to the terrible tragedy of the murder of three young girls in Southport last week - and the subsequent violence that has erupted throughout our nation over the following days.

We are heartbroken for those girls, for their families and those injured in the attack. We are heartbroken, too, to see how this terrible crime is being used by those on the far-right to stir up racist violence and hatred on our streets. The riots and racist attacks of recent days are a smear on our nation - they are neither patriotic nor Christian. Violence is not a legitimate form of protest and has no place in our society.

We condemn both these actions and the poisonous rhetoric of those on the far-right which seeks to stir up hatred and division. We stand with those who feel targeted - especially our Muslim brothers and sisters and those who are seeking asylum on our shores. We stand with people of peace from all faiths and none - and we commit ourselves to working together to challenge racism and hatred wherever we find it.

Jesus was himself a refugee - and the commitment to welcoming the stranger, uplifting the downtrodden and supporting the marginalised lies at the very heart of our faith. We are ready and willing to offer support and care to those from any community or background who have been affected or feel scared by what is happening.

We pray for the families of Bebe King, Elsie Dot Stancombe and Alice Dasilva Aguiar. We pray for the children and adults injured in the attack. We pray for the community of Meols Cop, as they come to terms with what has happened. We pray, too, for our nation and our leaders - for wisdom, peace and justice. We pray for all who are afraid - especially those who fear becoming the target of violence because of their ethnicity, heritage or faith.

In Southwark Diocese, we rejoice in our diversity - which is a gift of God for the enrichment of his Church and his world. We encourage people across our communities to share in this joy, to resist division and respond to one another with care and kindness. Christ teaches us that perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18) - and we ask all in our churches to commit themselves afresh to live out this reality for their communities - now more than ever.

+Christopher Southwark
& the Area Bishops