

THE PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, LAVENDER HILL

Sunday 1 September 2024
The Twenty-Second 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>Feria</i>
	Tuesday:	ST GREGORY THE GREAT Low Mass: 10.00am
	Wednesday:	<i>St Cuthbert</i> Low Mass: <u>12 noon</u>
	Thursday:	<i>Feria</i> Low Mass: 7.00pm [Birthday of the BVM anticipated]
	Friday:	<i>Feria</i> Low Mass: 10.00am
	Saturday:	<i>Feria</i> No Mass today
	Sunday 8 th :	23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Accession Day] 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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Thank you for your support.



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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Please stand when the bell rings.

ENTRANCE HYMN

**Bright the vision that delighted
Once the sight of Judah's seer;
Sweet the countless tongues united
To entrance the prophet's ear.**

**Round the Lord in glory seated
Cherubim and seraphim
Filled his temple, and repeated
Each to each the alternate hymn:**

**'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.'**

**Heaven is still with glory ringing,
Earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'**

**With his seraph train before him,
With his holy Church below,
Thus unite we to adore him,
Bid we thus our anthem flow:**

**'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'**

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.

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
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: DEUTERONOMY 4: 1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 63

Verses sung by the cantor. The Response after each verse:



He who does jus-tice will live in the pres-ence of the Lord.

SECOND READING: JAMES 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand to welcome the Gospel.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: MARK 7: 1-8,14-15,21-23

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.
The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.
You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you,
and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make
him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him
unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions
emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit,
indecentcy, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from
within and make a man unclean.'

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

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

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

**Rejoice the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:**

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

**Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:**

**His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:**

**He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet:**

When the altar is prepared the Priest says:

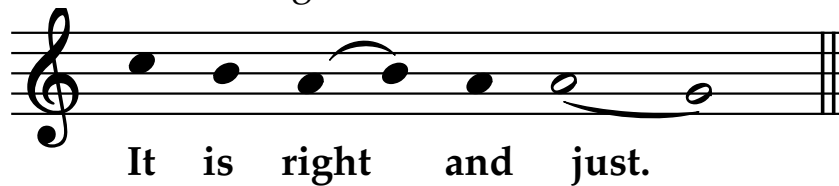
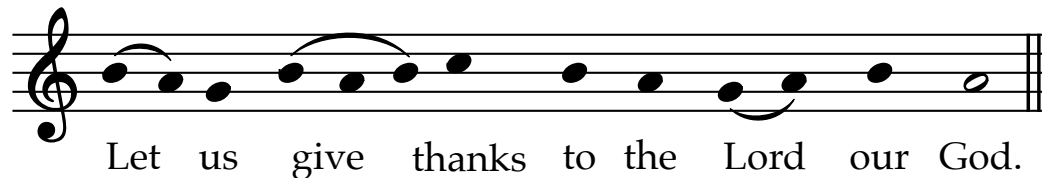
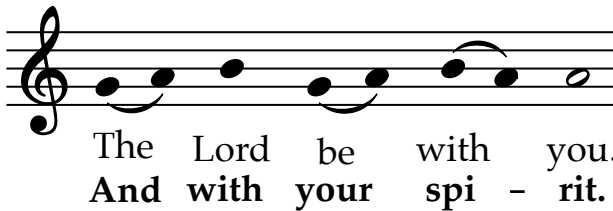
Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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

May this sacred offering, O Lord,
confer on us always the blessing of salvation,
that what it celebrates in mystery
it may accomplish in power.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PREFACE



The priest sings the Preface, after which we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

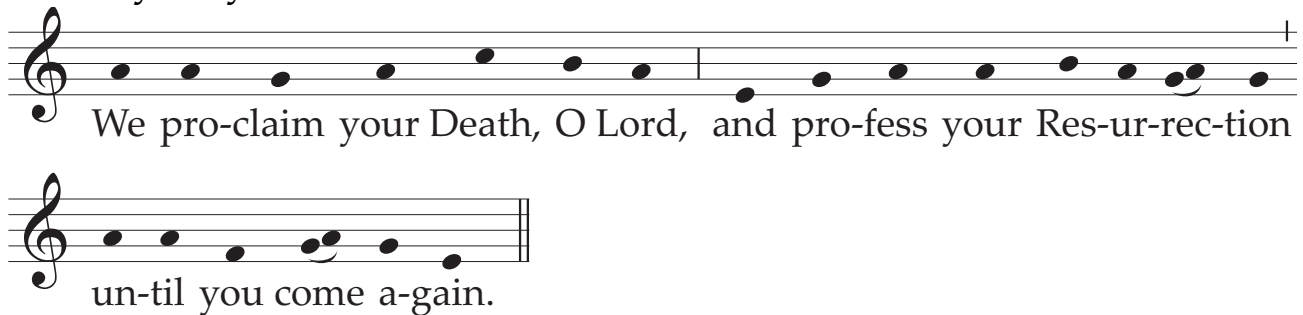
**Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth, are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**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:



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef. The first staff contains the melody for the words "We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion". The second staff contains the melody for the words "un-til you come a-gain." The notes are simple quarter and eighth notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

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

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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

**Once, only once, and once for all,
His precious life he gave;
Before the Cross in faith we fall,
And own it strong to save.**

**'One offering, single and complete,'
With lips and hearts we say;
But what he never can repeat
He shows forth day by day.**

**For as the priest of Aaron's line
Within the holiest stood,
And sprinkled all the mercy-shrine
With sacrificial blood;**

So he, who once atonement wrought,
Our Priest of endless power,
Presents himself for those he bought
In that dark noontide hour.

His Manhood pleads where now it lives
On heaven's eternal throne,
And where in mystic rite he gives
Its presence to his own.

And so we show thy death, O Lord,
Till thou again appear,
And feel, when we approach thy board,
We have an altar here.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand.

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,
we beseech you, Lord,
that, being the food of charity,
it may confirm our hearts
and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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 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.

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

**Thy kingdom come on bended knee
The passing ages pray;
And faithful souls have yearned to see
On earth that kingdom's day.**

**But the slow watches of the night
Not less to God belong;
And for the everlasting right
The silent stars are strong.**

**And lo, already on the hills
The flags of dawn appear;
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
Proclaim the day is near:**

The day in whose clear-shining light
All wrong shall stand revealed,
When justice shall be throned in might,
And every hurt be healed;

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
Shall walk the earth abroad:
The day of perfect righteousness,
The promised day of God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Trumpet Tune in D major*
Daniel Bishop (b.1982)

*Please remain standing until the procession has left the church.
You are warmly invited to join us after Mass for refreshments.*

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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, 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

- 1: Alan Lee (pr), Nicol Anderson (pr), William Robert Corbould (pr),
Rose Jacobs
- 2: Percy Wigram (pr)
- 3: Frank William Snellgrove, Lilian Claugher
- 4: Charlotte Meynell, George Bowles, Winifried Clout, Winifred Jacobs
- 5: George Sheltiffe (pr), Annie Compton, John Jones
- 6: Mary Phillips, Eileen Gillgrass, Edith Dixon, George Wayte

NOTICES

PCC MEETING

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

TABLETOP SALE

This Saturday (7th) between 10.00am and 2.00pm

GARDENING HELP

Thank you to those who have helped to tidy the Acanthus Road side of the church – much appreciated.

WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER: ST CUTHBERT'S DAY

We are invited to join Fr Bagott and the people of St Cuthbert, Philbeach Gardens for their Patronal Festival. High Mass and Procession at 7.00pm, followed by supper. Preacher: Fr Roderick Leece, Vicar of St George's, Hanover Square.

OLW CELL MEETING

Thursday 5 September (anticipating the Feast of Our Lady's Birthday)
Low Mass at 7.00pm followed by evening meal

CARROTY WOOD: 30 OCTOBER 2024

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

On Thursday evening we will celebrate (in advance) Our Lady's Birthday.

Here is an extract from St Andrew of Crete, a Bishop in the eighth century, writing on the celebration of this great Feast.

'The fulfilment of the law is Christ himself, who does not so much lead us away from the letter as lift us up to its spirit. For the law's consummation was this, that the very lawgiver accomplished his work and changed letter into spirit, summing everything up in himself and, though subject to the law, living by grace. He subordinated the law, yet harmoniously united grace with it, not confusing the distinctive characteristics of the one with the other, but effecting the transition in a way most fitting for God. He changed whatever was burdensome, servile and oppressive not what is light and liberating, so that we should be enslaved no longer *under the elemental spirits of the world*, as the Apostle says, nor held fast as bondservants under the letter of the law.

This is the highest, all-embracing benefit that Christ has bestowed on us. This is the revelation of the mystery, this is the emptying out of the divine nature, the union of God and man, and the deification of the manhood that was assumed. This radiant and manifest coming of God to men most certainly needed a joyful prelude to introduce the great gift of salvation to us. The present festival, the birth of the Mother of God, is the prelude, while the final act is the fore-ordained union of the Word with flesh. Today the Virgin is born, tended and formed and prepared for her role as Mother of God, who is the universal King of the ages.

Justly, then, do we celebrate this mystery since it signifies for us a double grace. We are led towards the truth, and we are led away from our condition of slavery to the letter of the law. How can this be? Darkness yields before the coming of the light, and grace exchanges legalism for freedom. But midway between the two stands today's mystery, at the frontier where types and symbols give way to reality, and the old is replaced by the new. Therefore, let all creation sing and dance and unite to make worthy contribution to the celebration of this day. Let there be one common festival for saints in heaven and men on earth. Let everything, mundane things and those above, join in festive celebration. Today this created world is raised to the dignity of a holy place for him who made all things. The creature is newly prepared to be a divine dwelling place for the Creator.