

THE PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, LAVENDER HILL

Sunday 14 April 2024
The Third 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> Low Mass: 6.00pm
	Tuesday:	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Funeral Mass: 1.00pm [Paul Lever RIP]
	Wednesday:	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Low Mass: 7.30pm
	Thursday:	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Low Mass: 6.30pm of St Alphege
	Friday:	<i>St Alphege</i> No Mass today
	Saturday:	<i>Easter Weekday</i> [Archdeacon's Inspection: 10.00am] Holy Rosary: 11.00am Low Mass: 11.30am
	Sunday 21 st :	EASTER IV 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.



*Our **Churchwardens** are the Bishop's representatives in the Parish (elected by the parishioners) and work together with Fr Philip to ensure the smooth running of the Parish. They can be contacted as follows:*

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*We take the **safeguarding** of children and vulnerable adults very seriously. Here are the details of our Parish Safeguarding Officers, who should be the first point of contact for any concerns:*

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Please stand when the bell rings.

ENTRANCE HYMN

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung.
Alleluya!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.
Alleluya!

On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.
Alleluya!

He brake the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluya!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee.
Alleluia!

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.

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
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: ACTS 3: 13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 4

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

Response:



Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 2: 1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand to welcome the Gospel.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 24: 35-48

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.'

He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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.

**Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.**

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne--the Infinite!
Who lives--and loves--and saves.

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.

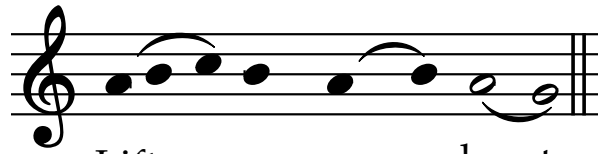
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
these offerings of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.
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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, 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

**O praise our great and glorious Lord,
And call upon his name,
To strains of joy tune every chord,
His mighty acts proclaim:
Tell how he freed his chosen race
From Pharaoh's heavy hand,
And led them by his sovereign grace
To seek the promised land.**

**He gave the shadowing cloud by day,
The moving fire by night,
To guide his people on their way,
And make their darkness light:
To us, the light of Christ our Lord
Illumines all our ways;
He leads us by his gospel word,
And turns our sighs to praise.**

**We too have manna from on high,
The bread that came from heaven,
And he who brought salvation nigh
Has living water given:
A rock is ours, from whence the spring
In rich abundance flows, And Christ that rock, our priest and king,
Both life and health bestows.**

Come, let us prize this heavenly food,
And trust our heavenly guide,
So shall we find death's fearful flood
Serene as Jordan's tide;
And safely reach th'eternal shore
No more by ills opprest;
Where saints their Lord and God adore,
And in his glory, rest.

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.

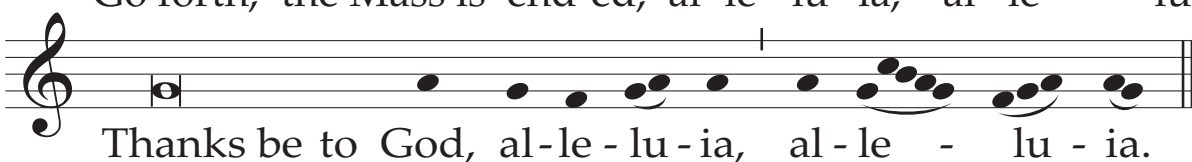
BLESSING & DISMISSAL

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.**



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

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Paraphrase on *Judas Maccabaeus*
Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

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

Anniversaries of death

14: Herbert Hale Stokes

15: Robert Grainger, Flora Peel

16: Mildred Walden, Frederick Leslie Wise

17: Lottie Higgs

19: Thomas Pelham Dale (pr), Leonard Thornton, William Davey,
Jack Shaw

20: James William Shute

NOTICES

THANK YOU

to those who supported yesterday's table top sale.

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

The Electoral Roll (effectively our church membership list) will be open for revision soon. 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 will be available next Sunday.

ASCENSION CELEBRATIONS 2024

Saturday 11 May at 5.00pm: Solemn First Vespers (five copes) & Benediction, followed by supper in the Clergy House;

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 for further information.

PCC MEETING

The next meeting of the PCC will take place on Thurs 18 April 2024 at 7.00pm - with a Mass preceding the meeting at 6.30pm. Agenda and full set of papers to follow.

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. If you or anyone in your family would like to explore the possibility, have a word with Fr Philip. Next preparation session: Sunday 28 April after the Parish Mass.

ST MAGNUS THE MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE

celebrates its Patronal Festival with Solemn Evensong & Benediction this Tuesday at 6.30pm, to which we are invited. The Bishop of Fulham will preside and the Dean of Southwark will preach.

FR AIDAN BARTLETT,

our visiting preacher in March for the Solemnity of St Joseph, invites us to join him on Sunday 21 April 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.