

PLEASE PRAY...

For those recently baptised: Erin Catherine Lillian Goble, 17.11.24; Bear George Cox, 1.9.24; Ry-Lee Rainn Wiggan, 25.8.24; Ines Arija Duclos, 11.8.24; Kaylia Ayton, 14.7.24; Marnie Rue Murton, 12.5.24.

For those recently confirmed: Andani Bolin, Chloe Edwards, Kaylia Ayton & Theresa Thomas, 16.11.24.

For those recently married: Çağrı Surhay Kiliç & Elizabeth Mallett, 11.11.24; Daniel Lamptey & Crystal Wiggins, 4.10.24; Georgie Wright & Beau Gamman -Gates, 21.9.24; Tymoteusz Miara & Zoë Kundu, 27.7.24; Peter Conn & Jacqueline Aiyela, 20.7.24.

For those who are unwell: Zakkai Bannerman. Danuta Brak. Rachel Bridgeman. Pauline Brown. Henrietta Buffonge. Sue Cannon. Margaret Cooke. Susan Crocker. Emanuel Curto. Pat Farquhar. Paulette Francis-Ingram. Elizabeth Gabbidon. Jolanta Graham. Cathy Harris. Gerry Harris. Joan Hiza. Mary Hiscock. Georgina & James Hughes. Gary Kasten. Pat Johnson. Pamela Jones. Mary Marshall. Connie Nantege. Milly Nasiwa. Michael Osapanin. Elizabeth Paul-Worika. Silverline Paul-Worika. Gem Pusey. Joan Rawson. Doreen Robinson. Christelle Vantard. Gordon Wellard. Margaret White. Roseanna White. Michael Wilmott. Holly Young.

For those who have died recently: William Rose Holden. Malcolm Aicken. Beverley Brunton. Joyce Statia. Robert McLeod. Charles Bremridge.

For those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Derek Ford. William Searle. Wendy Perrott. John Willers. Lilian Lloyd. Helen Johnston. Ronald Hase. William White. The Revd Duncan Ross.

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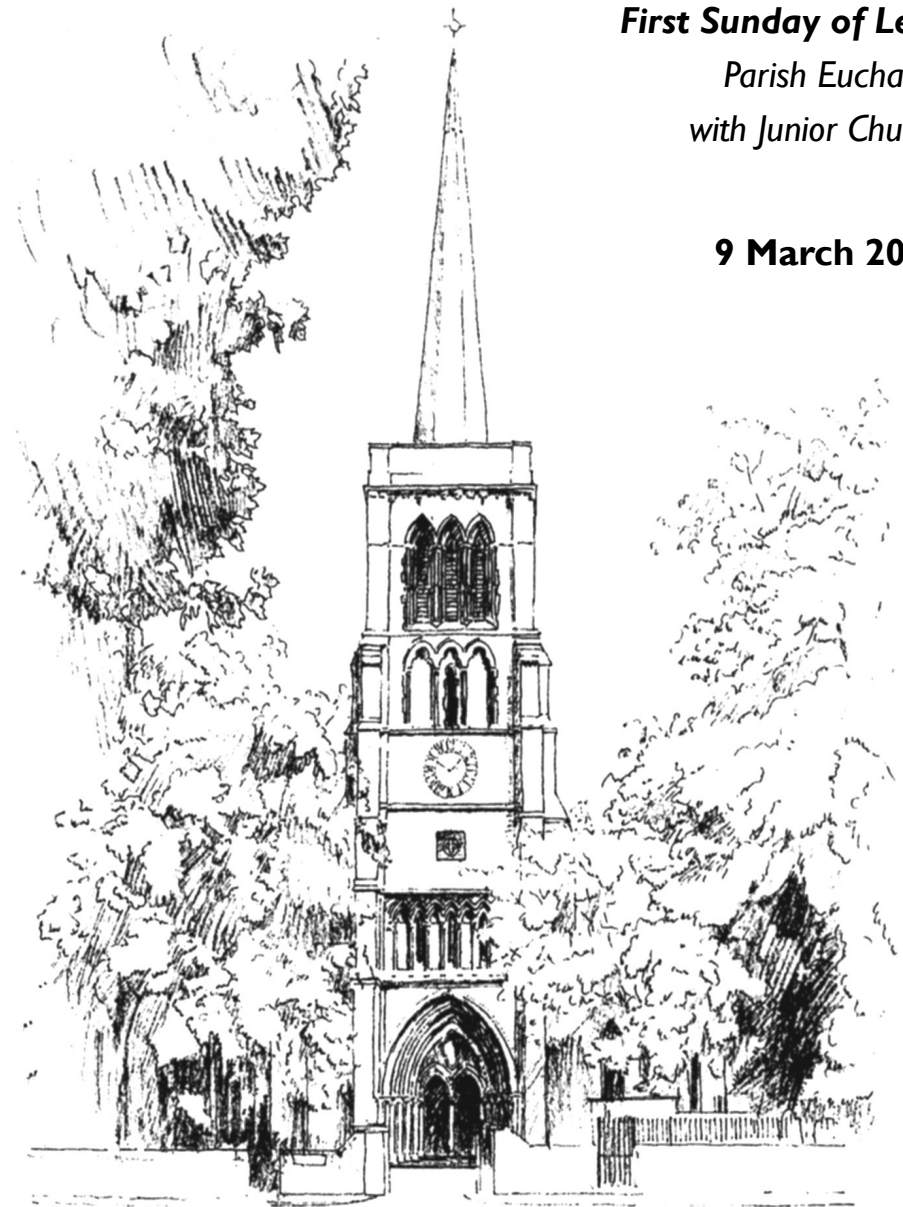
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First Sunday of Lent

*Parish Eucharist
with Junior Church*

9 March 2025



PARISH EUCHARIST

ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY

If you are new to our church – Welcome!
Do please make yourself known to one of the clergy,
as we'd really like to greet you properly.

If you'd like to, do please leave your contact details
in the file at the back of church.

Organist: Clare Whitehead

Stewards: Evie & Roger
Junior Church: Theresa, Kurt, Estelle & Lisa-Raine
Intercessions: Elizabeth B
Refreshments: Joannie & Nicola



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Sunday 9 March	Parish Eucharist (All Age Service) <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> Evening Prayer	10am 4pm
Monday 10 March	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	9am 5pm
Tuesday 11 March	Morning Prayer Little Tots 0-4 (under 5) Stay & Play Evening Prayer Lent Group (online, or at the Rectory)	9am 10am - 11:45am 5pm 7:30pm
Wednesday 12 March	<i>No Morning Prayer</i> Church open for prayer and visits Evening Prayer	- 11am - 1pm 5pm
Thursday 13 March	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Black Theology Reading Group	9am 5pm 7:30pm
Friday 14 March	Morning Prayer Midday Eucharist Evening Prayer	9am 12 noon 5pm
Saturday 15 March	Morning Prayer <i>No Evening Prayer</i>	9am -
Sunday 16 March	Parish Eucharist (with Junior Church) <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> Evening Prayer	10am 4pm

Dates for the diary:

Tuesdays 11, 18, 25 March, 1 & 8 April, 7.30-8.30pm. **Lent Groups 2025** (online or at The Rectory).

Thurs 13 Mar, 27 Mar, 10 Apr & 8 May, 7:30pm - **Black Theology Reading Group** (Parish Room)

Thursday 20th March, 7pm: **PCC Meeting** (Parish Room)

Sunday 6 April, after the 10am service: **APCM**

Sunday 13 April 9:45am: **Palm Sunday Procession**; 10am Parish Eucharist

7pm: **Festival Chorus concert**: Dvorak *Stabat Mater*

Monday 14, Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 April, 7pm: **Holy Week Eucharists**

Thursday 17 April 8pm: **Maundy Thursday Liturgy** (Vigil until midnight)

Friday 18 April 10am **Good Friday Liturgy**; 2:30pm **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday 19 April 9:30am: Holy Saturday Cleaning and decorating

Sunday 20 April 5:30am: **Easter Day Dawn Eucharist** followed by **Easter breakfast**

10am **Easter Day Eucharist** followed by

11:30am **Easter Egg hunt** in the churchyard for all children and young people

Please speak to Andrew if you have a car who would occasionally be willing to be asked about taking things from church to the foodbank, municipal dump at Leyton, Charity Shop etc. Thank you!

We are in search of **people who play musical instruments** who might like to play occasionally on a Sunday morning alongside an organist/pianist accompanying hymns. If you play and would like to join in - please sign the sheet at the back of church.

All Singers Wanted! If you would like to sing a solo piece during Communion on a Sunday morning, **please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.**

The **Festival Chorus**, joined by their 'twin' choir, Choeur Resonances, from Suresnes, Paris, will be performing Dvorak's Stabat Mater here at church on **Sunday 13 April** at 7pm.

Parish Newsletter - please take one from the back of church. A huge thank you to all who have worked on it. Also - more volunteers needed! With design, interviewing, ideas, general help. Please speak with Liz, Sam, Mark.

Please take a look at the boards at the back of church which show some exciting development ideas for our church. **Do please put any comments into the suggestions box.**

Prideaux House is seeking volunteers to help serve tea/coffee/lunch at their Friday Lunch Club. Please speak to Liz or Estelle for further details. They are also grateful for any donations of good quality clothes/items to sell in their **Charity Shop**. Donations can be left at Prideaux House (10 Church Crescent) or at the shop (407 Mare Street).

If you see anyone struggling with the size of the font used for this readings booklet, please tell Andrew and he can make sure that **larger A3 versions** of the sheet are made available. Thank you!

The Gathering

Processional hymn

Please stand

Hymn 95 Forty day and forty nights (Aus Der Tiefe)

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

All **Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

We sing:

All **Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy**

Kyrie

PCC meets on **Thursday 20 March at 7pm** in the Parish Room.

Join the Hackney & Islington Mission Project **Pilgrimage to St Paul's Cathedral** on **Saturday 29 March**. Meet at St John of Jerusalem Church at **1pm**. We'll then take the 277 and 38 buses to Myddelton Square (see below). There's a six-minute walk after we get off the bus before reaching St Mark's, Myddelton Square. Anyone who would prefer not to meet at church can make their way to St Mark's, Myddelton Square, London EC1R 1XX for 2pm. We will then walk to the Cathedral (30-45 minute walk). Anyone preferring to go straight to St Paul's Cathedral, please be on the steps of St Paul's at **3pm**. We'll join a Tour of the Cathedral 3.15-4.30pm, before attending Evensong at **5pm** (people can also come solely for Evensong at St Paul's at 5pm if they prefer). Final blessing for all on the steps of the Cathedral after Evensong.

If you would be interested in volunteering to **lead or assist with the occasional Junior Church or Youth Group** session, please speak to Theresa (our Children and Families Worker) to find out more.

Little Tots 0-4 (under 5) Stay and Play takes place on the Tuesdays of term time in church, 10am-11.45am.

We'd like to **paint** our very tired-looking church toilet. This is going to cost £450, plus the cost of the flooring (the cost of which we're researching). If you'd like to contribute towards this cost:

- you can use the buckets at the back of church (the money will go into the safe after every service)
- give money to the Churchwardens (Liz or William) or any of the Clergy (each now has access to a large collection envelope)
- Do a BACS transfer. The details are: The PCC of St John of Jerusalem South Hackney, HSBC (31 Holborn, London, EC1N 2HR), A/c no. 60 52 33 21, Sort code 40 – 11 – 58. If you do a BACS transfer, please also email our church treasurer Julie (address below) to say that you have made the payment so that she has: a record of your name, the date and amount of the transfer, and the reason for the transfer. Her email address is: j.a.leeming@btinternet.com
- Or you can write a cheque to 'St John of Jerusalem PCC'. **Thank you!**

NOTICES

Every Sunday there are people who would be happy to **pray with you** immediately after the service, or offer prayers for healing - just make your way to the side chapel (top right, behind where the organ is played).

There is **Evening Prayer here today** at 4pm. For a list of Morning and Evening Prayer times for the week ahead, please see the diary overleaf.

Every six years we have to discard the old church electoral roll and construct a new one. **Please could everyone over 16 fill out a new electoral roll form**, or sign the one that's being sent round the current parish email list. **It doesn't matter whether you've done it before, everyone needs to do a new one** this year to remain on the roll. Forms are at the back. Details of who can join the electoral roll are also on the table at the back of church. Thank you. We're aiming to have everyone signed up by 22 March.

Lent Groups 2025 - Climate Justice & Discipleship. Tuesdays, 7.30-8.30pm, **11, 18, 25 March; 1, 8, April**. You can join online from home individually, or there will also be discussions in the Rectory at 7.20pm on each of those dates when we will join the online sessions as a group. If you'd like to join online from home, go the London Diocese website (www.london.anglican.org) and you can register for the Lent groups using an Eventbrite link you'll find there. If you'd like to part of a group - come to the Rectory.

Holy Week & Easter service times are below the timetable on p.19.

Black Theology Reading Group will be at 7.30pm in the Parish Room on **Thursdays 13 Mar, 27 Mar, 10 Apr & 8 May**. The group are reading Chine McDonald's *God is Not a White Man and Other Revelations*. If you would like to join, please email Robyn at robyn@sjoj.co.uk. You can also speak to Robyn at church if you have any questions.

Collect

The Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through 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.**

A candle for peace is lit

All **God of all, we pray for the ceasefire in Gaza, and for all who have lost loved ones and their homes in the region. We pray for peace in Ukraine, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo and anywhere around the world where there is conflict today and for the coming of your kingdom - for the day when swords around the world will be beaten into ploughshares. Amen.**

Please sit

At this point in the service, children and young people are invited to join Junior Church, if they would like to do so, with younger children in the Parish Room and older children in the Side Chapel. Younger children may prefer to make use of the children's area at the front of church, outside the Parish Room. Please come and collect your child from Junior Church for Communion.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading (Basil)

A reading from Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All

and we continue together

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Final Hymn

Hymn 496 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us (Mannheim)

Please remain standing

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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 Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

If you are new to our church - welcome!
For further information about the life of the church, do please leave your contact details in the A4 folder on the table at the back of the church

Giving of Communion

Jesus is 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.**

If you have a child in Junior Church, please collect them at this point.

*If you already receive Communion in a Christian church, then you are very
welcome to receive Communion here.*

*If you do not and would like to think about Confirmation & receiving
Communion for the first time here, please speak with one of the Clergy. If you
would prefer to receive a Blessing, then please come up and bow your head.*

*Please come up - forming two lines in the centre aisle - to the wooden rails on
the left and the right of the altar. **Please leave the area in the centre, in
front of the altar, empty.** You are very welcome to stand or kneel.*

Music at Communion

Hymn 416 Father, hear the prayer we offer (First tune: Sussex)

‘The Old Rugged Cross’

sung by Elizabeth Barnes, accompanied by Clare Whitehead

Post Communion Prayers

All **Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and
living bread, and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Psalm (Anna)

Psalm 91.1-2,9-16 (congregation please say the verses in **bold type**)

- 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High ♦
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
- 2 **Shall say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my stronghold, ♦
my God, in whom I put my trust.’**
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge ♦
and the Most High your stronghold,
- 10 **There shall no evil happen to you, ♦
neither shall any plague come near your tent.**
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, ♦
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 **They shall bear you in their hands, ♦
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; ♦
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
- 14 **Because they have set their love upon me,
therefore will I deliver them; ♦
I will lift them up, because they know my name.**
- 15 They will call upon me and I will answer them; ♦
I am with them in trouble,
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.
- 16 **With long life will I satisfy them ♦
and show them my salvation.**

Please stand

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.** (*said*)

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and

"On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Luke 4.1-13

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*said*)

Please sit

Sermon

The Revd Robyn Russell-Jones

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

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

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei/Lamb of God

We sing:

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

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

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

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

We sing:

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

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with John the Baptist and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

We say:

All **Amen.**

Please stand

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Please sit

Prayers of Intercession

During the prayers (led by Elizabeth B)

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

All

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory

Hymn 557 Praise to the Holiest in the height (Gerontius)

During which the collection is taken up

*(if you are a tax payer, please use a yellow Gift Aid envelope which you will
find at the end of the pew, signing it and supplying your address)*

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

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
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and *singing*:

We sing:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.