

**St Mary-at-Finchley  
Parish Eucharist  
10am  
Second Sunday before Lent  
Racial Justice Sunday  
8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**The Gathering**

**Processional Hymn 9 All creatures of our God and king**

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice;  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show.  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All you with mercy in your heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care;  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And thou, most kind and gentle death,  
waiting to hush our latest breath,  
O praise him alleluia!  
Thou leadest home the child of God,  
and Christ himself the way hath trod:  
O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in One;  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**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;**  
**Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

Jesus said:

Before you offer your gift,  
go and be reconciled,  
As brothers and sisters in God's family,  
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

**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.  
Amen.

**Gloria in Excelsis** (*Poston Mass*)

**Gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Glory, glory, glory be to thee,  
And peace to his people here on earth.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te,  
We praise thee, we bless thee, we adore thee,**

**We glorify thee, glorificamus, glorify thee, glorificamus,  
We give thee thanks for thy great glory.**  
**Domine Deus, Rex caelstis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens,  
Only Son of the Father, Jesus Christ,  
Thou who takest away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us,  
Thou who takest away the sins of the world,  
Receive our prayer,  
Thou who art at the right hand of the Father  
Have mercy on us,  
Solus sanctus, quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
Thou alone art the Lord,  
Thou alone most high, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect**

Let us pray

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

### **A reading from the book of Genesis (1.1-2.3)**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from

the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

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

### **Psalm 136.1-9, 23-end**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever.**  
O give thanks to the God of gods,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever.**  
O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever;**  
who alone does great wonders,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever;**  
who by understanding made the heavens,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever;**  
who spread out the earth on the waters,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever;**  
who made the great lights,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever;**  
the sun to rule over the day,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever;**  
the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever;**

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

**for his steadfast love endures for ever;**  
and rescued us from our foes,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever;**  
who gives food to all flesh,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever.**  
O give thanks to the God of heaven,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 8. 18 – 25**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (6. 25 – end)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not

much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.  
‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Preacher**      *Patience Pelham Hazeley*

**Sermon**

## **The Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
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.**

**We 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 worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*at the end*

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

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

### **The Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn 244** In Christ there is no east or west

In Christ there is no east or west,

in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
their high communion find.  
His service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are joined as one  
throughout the whole wide earth.

### **Prayer at the Preparation of the Table**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**Sanctus, sanctus Dominus, sanctus, Deus,  
Holy, holy, holy one, holy Lord  
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory, glory be to thee, glory be,  
O my Lord most high, glory be to thee,  
Sanctus, sanctus Dominus, sanctus, Deus,  
Holy, holy, holy one, holy Lord**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Mary the God-bearer and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### *Kneel for The Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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 Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**Agnus Dei, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.  
Agnus Dei, Lamb of God, grant us all of your peace.  
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Agnus Dei, Lamb of God, grant us all of your peace.**

### **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.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Communicant members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this Church  
Anybody is welcome to come forward for to receive a blessing.*

Music During Communion – Wesley: Lead me Lord

## **Prayer after Communion**

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

**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 Notices**

### **Post Communion Hymn 268 Jesus Christ is waiting**

Jesus Christ is waiting,  
Waiting in the streets;  
No one is his neighbour,  
All alone he eats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I am lonely too.  
Make me, friend or stranger,  
Fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging,  
Raging in the streets,  
Where injustice spirals  
And all hope retreats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I am angry too.  
In the Kingdom's causes  
Let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing,  
Healing in the streets;  
Curing those who suffer,  
Touching those he greets.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I have pity too.  
Let my care be active,  
Healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing,  
Dancing in the streets,  
Where each sign of hatred  
He, with love, defeats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I feel triumph too.  
On suspicion's graveyard  
Let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling,  
Calling in the streets,  
"Come and walk faith's tightrope,  
I will guide your feet."  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
Let my fears be few.  
Walk one step before me;  
I will follow you.

## The Dismissal

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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