



# **St Clement with St Peter, Dulwich**



**Holy Cross Day  
14 September 2025  
Sung Parish Mass 10am**

## **Welcome to St Clement with St Peter, Dulwich**

Whether you are visiting for the first time or have come here very many times - you are welcome! Everything you need (apart from the words of the hymns we will sing today) are in this order of service. Please find the words for the hymns in the Green NEH books. Any suggestions for sitting or standing in this order of service are just that - suggestions - please feel free to stand and sit as is most comfortable for you. And please do stay for a cup of coffee or tea in our parish hall after the service.

***Jesus said, 'When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.'***

***John 12.32***

Today in our Mass we are observing Holy Cross Day. This is a day on which we mark that the cross on which our Lord was crucified has become the universal symbol for Christianity, replacing the fish symbol of the early church.

After the end of the persecution era, early in the fourth century, pilgrims began to travel to Jerusalem to visit and pray at the places associated with the life of Jesus. Helena, the mother of the emperor, was a Christian and, whilst overseeing excavations in the city, is said to have uncovered a cross, which many believed to be the Cross of Christ. A basilica was built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and dedicated on this day in the year 335.

Today, Jerusalem and the surrounding lands and inhabitants of Gaza, Israel and the West Bank, Lebanon and Syria and its people are gripped by violence, fear, terror, war and terrible suffering. As we hold the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross in our hearts today let us remain faithful to our calling to follow the ways of Christ, committing ourselves afresh, in his name, to work and pray for peace and reconciliation in all corners of the world.

## ¶ The Gathering

¶ *Stand*

### Processional Hymn 76

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

## ¶ The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

## Introduction

The minister introduces the service

## Prayer of Preparation

*All* **Almighty 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.**

## Invitation to Confession

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*Romans 5.8*

**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.

## The Absolution

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**

**All** **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.**

## **The Collect**

Let us pray

Almighty God,  
who in the passion of your blessed Son  
made an instrument of painful death  
to be for us the means of life and peace:  
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ  
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

### The First Reading

### Numbers 21.4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 51.1-11

*The choir sing the psalm verses and the congregation respond with*

**R: *Father I have sinned against heaven and before you.***

Christ Jesus who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

John 3.13-17

*The Choir sing the Gospel Acclamation as the Gospel is processed.*

Alleluia, alleluia.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

**All Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**¶ Sit**

## Sermon



## The Nicene Creed

¶ *Stand*

*All* 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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He 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

*The following response is used:*

By our Saviour's cross and passion,

**All Lord, save us and help us.**

¶ Stand

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### 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 risen Christ be always with you

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### Offertory Hymn 369

### Happy are they, they that love God

*During the offertory hymn, you are invited to give in person to support the mission and ministry of St Clement with St Peter, either by placing a donation in cash in the collection plate or bag, or using our card payment machine or giving online using your phone by using this QR code.*



## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Merciful God,  
through the death of your beloved Son  
you transformed an instrument of shame  
into a sign of hope and glory.

Receive all we bring before you this day,  
and renew us in the mystery of his love;  
through the same Jesus Christ,  
the Lord of glory.

## The Eucharistic Prayer



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.

And now we give you thanks  
that through his suffering and death  
you have brought life to the whole world  
and moved our hearts to praise your glory.  
The power of the cross reveals your judgement on this world  
and the kingship of Christ crucified.

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*:

**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.**

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.

**All 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, mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, St  
Clement, St Peter 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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for 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**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world  
grant us peace.**

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.**

*Christians of all traditions are welcome to receive communion. All are welcome to receive a blessing, do please come forward to the altar rail and bring this order of service with you.*

*When it comes to receiving the wine please do not intinct (dip) your bread into the wine.*

*If you would prefer not to drink from the cup, and only take the bread please be assured that you will still make a full communion.*

**Communion Hymn 297**

**Lord Jesus Christ**



## Prayer after Communion

Faithful God,  
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree  
and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes:  
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,  
who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples.  
Amen.**

## Notices

**¶ The Dismissal**

**¶ *Stand***

## The Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

## **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you,  
go in the peace of Christ.

***All* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Closing Hymn 406**

**Lord Teach us**

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***You are always invited and you are always welcome here at St Clement with St Peter***

## **Regular services and Upcoming Events**

### **October and November**

#### **Every Sunday | 10am Sung Parish Mass followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall.**

This is our main service, with hymns, holy communion and tea and coffee afterwards - all are welcome! And we don't mind noisy babies or wriggly toddlers and children...God put the wiggle in them and we love it! There are some toys and activity sheets at the back of church - please help yourself. Feel free to take your children out during a service for a run around if that is helpful and come back in when works best. You are also welcome to breast or bottle feed your babies in our services and we have nappy changing facilities.

#### **Every Thursday | 10am Said Mass**

A short said service of Holy Communion.

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**Monday 6 October | 10.30 am - 11.30am | PlayTime!! Play and Praise *For under 5's, parents and carers.***

**Thursday 9 October | 10.30 am - 11.30 am | Community Coffee morning in church.**

**Sunday 16 & 30 October | 2-3pm | Heritage Orchard Volunteer gardening**

**Monday 3 November | 10.30-11.30am | PlayTime!! Play and Praise *For under 5's, parents and carers.***

**Thursday 6 November | 10.30-11.30am | Community Coffee morning in church.**

**Sunday 9 November | 10am | Remembrance Sunday, Sung Parish Mass |**

**Sunday 9 November | 2-3pm | Heritage Orchard Volunteering Gardening**

**Sunday 23 November | 10am | St Clement's Day Patronal Festival Mass and Parish Lunch with the Bishop of Woolwich, The Right Reverend Alastair Cutting, presiding**

**Sunday 23 November | 2-3pm | Heritage Orchard Volunteering Gardening**

## How to contact us

*Please do get in touch with Revd Gemma if you would like to arrange a chat, have any questions about the church or the parish hall or would like to find out more about baptisms, weddings and funerals.*

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