

# THE PARISH OF SAINT PAUL DEPTFORD



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**Welcome to S. Paul's today in church or on Zoom.**  
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'Love one another as I have loved you', says the Lord.



Churchwardens: Ms Lavern Ford & Mr Andrew Taylor  
Organist: Mr Ian Bhullar



**THE 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY  
OF LENT**  
1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

**THE PARISH MASS  
SUNG**  
10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

A New People's Mass  
by Dom Gregory Murray OSB (1905-1992)  
Hymns in NEH (green book)  
Please join in with the Bold Type

## ¶ THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Introit: Lenten Prose 507**

Fr Paul sings the verse, and the congregation joins in with refrain.

## ¶ THE ASPERGES

Stand

The celebrant blesses the water.

Dear Friends, this water will be used to remind us of our baptism. Let us ask God to bless it and keep us faithful to the Spirit he has given us.

Lord God almighty, Creator of all life, of body and soul, we ask you to bless ✠ this water: As we use it in faith forgive our sins and save us from all illness and the power of evil. Lord, in your mercy give us living water, always springing up as a fountain of salvation: Free us, body and soul, from every danger, and admit us to your presence in purity of heart. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Salt is blessed.

Almighty God, we ask you to bless ✠ this salt as once you blessed the salt scattered over the water by the prophet Elisha. Wherever this salt and water are sprinkled, drive away the power of evil, and protect us always by the presence of your Holy Spirit. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The salt is poured into the water in silence.

The celebrant kneeling at the altar steps sprinkles the altar thrice, then himself, and rises & sprinkles the Servers and People whilst the following is sung from **Psalm 51**.

### Antiphon

**Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Have mercy on me, O God, after thy great goodness.

**Thou shalt purge me, etc.**

And according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offences.

**Thou shalt purge me, etc.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.**

**Thou shalt purge me, etc.**

After the sprinkling of the water, the celebrant standing at the steps of the altar sings,

Show us your mercy, O Lord. **And grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, hear my prayer. **And let my cry come unto you.**

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

Let us pray. Graciously hear us, O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send your holy Angel from heaven; to guard and cherish, protect, visit, and defend all who dwell in this holy place, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me. Cf. **Psalm 27: 8-9**

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## The Processional Hymn: 60

O kind Creator, bow thine ear (Tune: Cannons)

## The Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

## The Introduction to the Mass

The celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the Mass.

## Prayers of Penitence

Sisters and brothers, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

## The Confiteor

**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;**

(And, striking their breast, they say)

**through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;**

(Then they continue:)

**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. Amen.**

The celebrant pronounces 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.**

## The Kyrie Eleison

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## The Collect

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## ¶ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit for the readings

### First Reading from the Old Testament

A reading from the Book of Genesis (12: 1-4a)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' <sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm: 121

**R. / My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. **R. /**

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep; **R. /**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD himself watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night. **R. /**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore. **R. /**

## Second Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the Letter of S. Paul to the Romans (4: 1-5, 13-17)

<sup>1</sup> What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup> But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. <sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand & turn to face the Gospel*

### Gospel Acclamation and Reading

♪ Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>S. John 3: 5</sup>

♪ **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

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

✠ A reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ John (3: 1-17)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### The Homily

*Stand*

### Niceno-Constantinopolitan 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,**

*(Genuflect) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit*

*and the Virgin Mary and was made human. (Rise)*

**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 age to come. Amen.**

*Remain standing*

### Prayers of Intercession

*Celebrant*

Sisters and Brothers, through our common prayer, let us pray for the needs of the Church and the world, and make our thanksgivings to God saying, Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Intercessor 1*

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church that we may keep a holy Lent by prayer, fasting, meditation on your Holy Word and works of justice, Lord, hear us.

*Intercessor 2*

For Archbishop Sarah, our Bishop Christopher, and his assistant, Alastair. Fr Paul, our Parish Priest, and all bishops, priests and deacons, the leaders of our sister Churches, this congregation and all your people. Lord, hear us.

*Intercessor 3*

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, for justice and peace, respect and human dignity; for the care and conservation of the planet and all its creatures, and for all who seek the common good. Lord, hear us.

*Intercessor 4*

For all who live, work and play in the Deptford community, and for every city, town and village with which members of this congregation have a concern or a connection. Lord, hear us.

*Intercessor 5*

For the safety, health and salvation of all travellers, workers, refugees, prisoners and captives, and victims of crime. Lord, hear us.

*Intercessor 6*

For all in distress and all places of distress, the sick and suffering, and all in need. *(Celebrant says: We pray especially for ...)* Lord, hear us.

*Intercessor 7*

For those whom we have injured, offended, forgotten, or neglected. All who are dear to us, & those for whom no one prays. For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, Lord, hear us.

*Celebrant*

For the recently departed, *especially...* and all whose anniversaries fall at this time *especially...*

✠ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace **and rise in glory.**

*The celebrant invites us to offer our personal intentions, and then leads us in asking for the Prayers of our Lady & the Saints.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the BVM we pray: **Hail Mary...**

S. Joseph of Nazareth, **Pray for us.**

S. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, S. Paul the Apostle, our Patron

S. Augustine and S. Monica, S. Benedict and S. Scholastica

S. Francis and S. Clare of Assisi

S. David, S. Piran, Ss. Perpetua, Felicity and their companions

All you angels and saints

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

*Remain standing*

## ¶ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Altar is prepared*

### The Offertory Hymn: 310

*We hail thy presence glorious (Tune: Offertorium)*

*Remain standing*

### Orate Fratres

Pray my sisters and brothers,

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 Church.**

### Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,

cleanse us of our faults

and sanctify your faithful in body and mind

for the celebration of the paschal festivities.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen. Amen.**

## THE 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.**

*Here follows the Preface in which the celebrant praises God for his mighty acts, and all respond:*

**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.**

*The celebrant recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is used:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly:*  
**AMEN.**

## ¶ THE COMMUNION RITE

*Remain standing*

### The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.**

*The celebrant adds:*

*Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all distress as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you 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 grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace with those immediately around us, a sign that expresses peace, communion, and love.*

### Agnus Dei

*during which the celebrant takes the host and breaks it over the paten, placing a small piece in the chalice.*

**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.**

### Giving of Communion

Behold 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.**

### Communion Antiphon

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. *S. John 3: 16*

*Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.*

The Body / Blood of Christ.

*The communicant replies*

**Amen.**

*and then receives.*

### \* At home, make an Act of Spiritual Communion \*

*As you imagine yourself receiving the Bread of Heaven, be still and rest in the love of God. Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of your soul.*

○ Sacred Feast! Wherein Christ is received, his Passion is remembered, our souls are filled with grace and the pledge of eternal glory is received.

*O Sacrum Convivium, 13<sup>th</sup> century (attributed to S. Thomas Aquinas)*

## The Communion Hymn: 72

*My faith looks up to thee (Tune: Olivet)*

*After receiving Holy Communion read & pray quietly in thanksgiving.*

### THE JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

### THE TRISAGION (Thrice Holy)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (x3)

### A Prayer Inspired by the Our Father by S. Francis of Assisi (1182 - 1226)

**Our Father:** Creator, Redeemer, Saviour and Comforter.

**Who art in heaven:** In the angels and the saints. You give them light so that they may have knowledge, because you are light. You inflame them so that they may love, because you are love. You live continually in them so that they may be happy, because you are the supreme good, the eternal good, and it is from you all good comes and without you there is no good.

**Hallowed be thy name:** May our knowledge of you become ever clearer, so that we may realise the breadth of your blessings, the extent of your promises, the height of your majesty and the depth of your judgements.

**Thy kingdom come:** So that you may reign in us by your grace and bring us to your kingdom, where we shall see you clearly, love you perfectly, be happy in your company and enjoy you for ever.

**Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven:** That we may love you with our whole heart by always thinking of you; with our whole mind by directing our whole intention towards you and seeking your glory in everything; and with all our strength by spending all our energies and affections of soul and body in the service of your love alone. And may we love our neighbour as ourselves, encouraging them all to love you as best we can, rejoicing at the good fortune of others, just as if it were our own, and sympathising with their misfortunes, while giving offence to no one.

**Give us this day our daily bread:** Your own beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to remind us of the love he showed for us and to help us to understand and appreciate it and everything that he did or said or suffered.

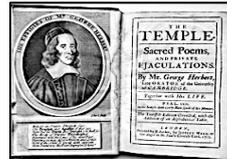
**And forgive us our trespasses:** In your infinite mercy, and by the power of the passion of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, together with the merits and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints.

**As we forgive those who trespass against us:** And if we do not forgive perfectly, make us forgive perfectly, so that we may truly love our enemies for love of you and pray fervently to you for them, returning no one evil for evil, anxious only to serve everybody in you.

**And lead us not into temptation:**

Hidden or obvious, sudden or unforeseen.

**But deliver us from evil:** Present, past or future. **Amen.**



### Blessed George Herbert Priest, Poet, (1593 – 1633)

*His two major works were both published posthumously:*

**A Priest to the Temple, or The Country Parson,**  
*a treatise on the priestly life (1652),*  
**and The Temple,**  
*(1633), his major collection of poetry, from which this poem is taken.*

### VII. THE AGONY.

**PHILOSOPHERS** have measured mountains, Fathom'd the depths of seas, of states, and kings, Walk'd with a staff to heaven, and traced fountains:

**But there are two vast, spacious things, The which to measure it doth more behave:** Yet few there are that sound them; Sin and Love.

Who would know Sin, let him repair Unto mount Olivet; there shall he see A man, so wrung with pains, that all his hair, His skin, his garments bloody be. Sin is that press and vice, which forceth pain To hunt his cruel food through every vein.

Who knows not Love, let him assay, And taste that juice, which on the cross a pike Did set abroad; then let him say If ever he did taste the like. Love is that liquor sweet and most divine, Which my God feels as blood; but I, as wine.

## ¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

*Stand*

### Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



### ¶ NOTICES & ANY BANS OF MARRIAGE.

