

**SOUTHWARK**  
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

# **The Celebration of Lammastide**

**in association with Bread Ahead**

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# Welcome to Southwark Cathedral

Set on the south bank of the River Thames in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie. With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation the Priory became a parish church and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

As well as a place of constant witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, this church has a momentous and proud history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

In the 20th century this cathedral was at the heart of the new movement in theology termed 'South Bank Religion'. This movement asked challenging questions of people about faith in the modern age which continue to be explored at Southwark Cathedral which describes itself as 'inclusive: faithful: radical'.

Whatever has brought you here today, you are most welcome. Become part of the life here if you can; it will change your life as you encounter with us our living God.

*Lammas or 'Loaf-mass' (derived from the Anglo-Saxon Hlafmaesse) is an English feast in origin, held on 1 August as a thanksgiving for the first-fruits of the wheat harvest. Traditionally, a newly baked loaf from the wheat harvest was presented before God within the mass of that day. While the ceremony ceased at the Reformation, reference to Lammas Day continued in the Prayer Book calendar, and the practice has been revived in some places in more recent years.*

*The Lammas loaf today has been baked by Bread Ahead, using flour from newly harvested wheat. Part of the Lammas loaf will be used as the Eucharistic bread at this service.*

## **The Blessing of the Grain for the First Milling**

*The grain for the first milling is blessed in the Bread Ahead bakery.*

Moses said to the people 'When anyone presents a grain offering to the Lord, the offering shall be of choice flour.'

*Leviticus 2.1*

Jesus said 'The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.'

## *Mark 4.28*

Let us give thanks for this grain of the new harvest to be milled to make choice flour which will be baked into the Lammas loaf.

Lord of the harvest,  
bless the grain now in our hand  
bless the miller in their work  
bless the baker in their task  
bless the bread that will be baked  
bless the people to be fed  
bless the world you love so much  
and all in the name of Jesus our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*All move from Bread Ahead to the Cathedral, and gather in the Nave.*

## **The Gathering**

*Please stand as the ministers enter.*

*The President says*

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

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

*The President welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.*



## The Presentation of the Lammas Loaf

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the people of God in ancient times presented to the Lord an offering of first-fruits as a sign of their dependence upon God for their daily bread.

At this Lammastide, we bring a newly baked loaf from newly harvested wheat, baked by Bread Ahead in thanksgiving to God for his faithfulness.

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life; those who come to me shall never be hungry and those who believe in me shall never thirst.'

*John 6. 35*

*The Lammas loaf is brought to the president, who says*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
you bring forth bread from the fields  
and give us the fruits of the earth in their seasons.  
Accept this loaf, which we bring before you,  
made from the harvest of your goodness.  
Let it be for us a sign of your fatherly care.  
Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
worthy of our thanksgiving and praise.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## Prayers of Penitence

As those who know the generosity of God,  
let us confess our sins,  
especially the ways in which we take his good gifts for  
granted.

Lord, you give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our trespasses.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this day our daily bread.  
Let us not be led into temptation.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this day our daily bread.  
Deliver us from evil.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*The President says*

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.**

## **The Collect.**

*Let us pray.*

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **First Reading**

Deuteronomy 26. 1–3, 10b–11

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

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.' 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,

and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Alleluia!



# Gospel

John 6. 30–35

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.**

The people said to Jesus, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” ’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’ Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please sit or kneel.*

# Prayers of Intercession

*Each section of the prayers ends with*

Lord in your mercy

**All hear our prayer.**

*The President concludes the prayers with these or other words*

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

*Please stand.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.  
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Please sit.*

### 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.

**All 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.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*Please stand for*

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

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

It is indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him you have created us in your own image,  
and made us stewards of your good creation.

Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the  
air,

the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving  
crops of

the earth.

Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to die upon the cross  
and to rise again for our salvation.

Through him, you begin your work of new creation,  
as we look for a new heaven and a new earth  
in which your righteousness dwells.

Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,  
and give voice to every creature under heaven,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**All 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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**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 the Mother of  
Jesus,  
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.

**All Amen.**

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.**

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.**

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

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

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

*The President invites the congregation to make their  
communion using these words*

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.**

*The President receives the host and says*

The body of Christ.

**All Amen.**

*The President receives the chalice and says*

The blood of Christ.

**All Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Let us pray.*

O God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples in  
the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in his redeeming work,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

**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

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living  
bread,  
make you one in praise and love,  
and raise you up at the last day;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,  
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.  
Go in the peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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