



**OPENING
THE DOORS**

**Our building is open.
You are welcome.**



Parish Eucharist

for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 12th July 2020

Theme: Emerging from Lockdown 4 - Reconciliation



Welcome to St Mary's. On behalf of the Christian community which meets in this church you are extremely welcome. Churches in England have been closed for public worship for over three months. We began to open our doors last week and immediately became aware that, while many were extremely glad to return to public

worship, some were understandably cautious or nervous. It will help those who want to be physically present but have their worries if we **can all respect the 2m social distancing rule, mitigated if you are wearing a mask to 1m.** Equally, we continue to broadcast worship live online to help people who may not yet feel ready to join us in worship physically in our worship to do so from elsewhere, and to add a new dimension to our outreach to our parish and beyond.

Things will need to be different for some time to come so please do bear with us. Please be sensitive to the anxieties of others by not assuming they are comfortable with you getting closer than you should and please do use the hand sanitiser placed in strategic places around the building. Please also follow the directions of our Welcomers and Wardens if they allocate you a seat for worship and when we come forward for the Offertory or Holy Communion. We are trying our best to keep to the guidelines we have been given.

Thank you for coming today. It's great to have you back. Our worship today focuses on the fourth of a number of themes we have been exploring related to emerging from lockdown. Today's theme is Reconciliation.

You may like to say this prayer as you prepare for worship today.

**Creator God,
may every breath we take be for your glory,
may every footstep show you as our way,
that, trusting in your presence in this world,
we may, beyond this life,
still be with you where you are alive and reign for ever and ever. Amen.**

Canon Simon Butler, Vicar

*Presiding Priest: Canon Simon Butler
Preacher: Reverend Aaron Kennedy
Director of Music: Mrs Katy Silverman*



PLEASE NOTE:

ALL ELEMENTS OF OUR SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE SEATED, SO AS TO MINIMISE THE TRANSMISSION OF DISEASE. WE HOPE THIS WILL ENABLE US TO SING QUIETLY FROM A SEDENTARY POSITION. PLEASE DO NOT FEEL OBLIGED TO SING, BUT PLEASE REMAIN SEATED EXCEPT TO COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Music Before the Service: Prelude No. 2 in G (Felix Mendelssohn)

The clergy enter and take their seats.

One of our Church Wardens welcomes us back to St Mary's.

Acclamation

The Lord God almighty is our Father:

he loves us and tenderly cares for us.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:

he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.

The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:

he will lead us in God's holy way.

**To God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be praise and glory today and for ever. Amen.**

The Paschal candle lit.

The deacon says

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

2. Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's redeeming love.

3. Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

4. Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

5. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:

6. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

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.

Simon welcomes us and sets the scene for our worship.

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;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession

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

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We sing quietly

1. How good it is, what pleasure comes,
When people live as one.
When peace and justice light the way
The will of God is done.

2. True friendship then like fragrant oil
Surrounds us with delight;
And blessings shine like morning dew
Upon the mountain height.

3. How good it is when walls of fear
Come tumbling to the ground.
When arms are changed to farming tools
The fruits of life abound.

4. What quiet joy can bloom and grow
When people work for peace,
When hands and voices join as one
That hate and war may cease.

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-13

Read by Hallam Murray

⁸The man and the woman heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' ¹⁰He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' ¹¹He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' ¹²The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Song

Sung by Anja Rekeszus

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One, is here;

Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear:

In Him no sin is found – we stand on holy ground

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;

He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned:

How awesome is the sight – our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

*Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, In faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.*

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Arranged by Richard Shepherd*

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-14

*Read by Sue Whitley
Please remain seated*

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Reverend Aaron Kennedy preaches about Reconciliation.

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Intercessions

Simon Butler leads in prayers of intercession.

We Celebrate the Eucharist

We remain seated.

Christ is our Peace. He has reconciled us to God in one Body. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet one another with a smile, a nod or a wave, saying 'Peace be with you.'

Offertory Improvisation

Katy our organist improvises on the hymn tune England's Lane, to which we usually sing the words For the beauty of the earth.

During this time, please bring forward your gift towards the work and mission of our Church, placing it in the offertory bowl in front of the lectern.

Please come forward down the central aisle and return to your places via the side aisles. If you are seated in the side aisles please come to the front round the back of the church.

This is also the way in which we shall come forward to receive Communion.

Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer B)

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, enthroned upon the praises of your people. We thank you for this house of prayer, in which you bless your family as we come to you in pilgrimage. Here you reveal your presence in sacramental signs and make us one with you through the unseen bond of grace. Here you build your temple of living stones and bring the Church to its full stature as the body of Christ throughout the world, to reach its perfection at last in the heavenly city of Jerusalem, which is the vision of your peace. Therefore, in union with the heavenly Jerusalem, with angels in joyful assembly, with all whose names are written in heaven and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, we lift up our voices to join in the triumphal song of praise:

**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, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, 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.

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary 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.**

*We pray silently for a moment,
uniting our prayers with those who are worshipping from home.*

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 the Bread

The presiding priest breaks the consecrated 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.**

Giving of Communion

The presiding priest shows the consecrated bread and wine to the people:

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.**

Please come forward to receive Holy Communion as directed by the Welcomers.

Communion Hymn

Ubi caritas, et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Where there is love and charity, God is there.

Prayer after Communion.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe,
creator of light and giver of life,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

In Jesus your light has shone out;
and you have given your Holy Spirit
as a mighty stream of life-giving water
to refresh and renew the face of the earth.

Let your light shine in us
that we may be beacons of justice
and bearers of hope.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

We are Sent forth in Mission

Banns of Marriage are read and any news and notices shared.

Blessing

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be,

I am the Lord of the dance, said he,

And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on:

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left me there on a cross to die:

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
But I am the dance, and I still go on:

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary

Choral Song by Samuel Sebastian Wesley

***Please remain seated during the voluntary if you can, to enable the ministers to leave and preparations to be made at the back for your departure.
Refreshments will be served in the Churchyard after the service.***

Worship & Prayer in the Coming Days

Monday: Morning Prayer at 8.30am

Tuesday: Holy Communion at 8.30am

Wednesday: Zoom Bible Study at 8.30am*

Thursday: Midday Prayer at Noon

Friday: Midday Prayer at Noon

All Services are broadcast live on our Facebook Page and available to view throughout the day at a convenient time for you (facebook.com/stmarysbattersea).

*You can take part in the new Wednesday Morning Bible Study on Zoom
Meeting ID: 815 2706 3986
Password: 259290

A New Morning Service?

Several people have mentioned to us that 11am is not always the best time for church for some families with children, especially when other activities or family responsibilities are part of a regular Sunday commitment. We are therefore keen to see what appetite there might be for an earlier service on a Sunday morning. We don't want to lay on something that isn't entirely fitting, so we're conducting a brief online survey to help us get a sense of what would work for those who might be interested. Look at the e-newsletter for the link. We hope to report back with some ideas in time for a possible start in September.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Intercessions Book is back in place for you to add the names of those you would like us to pray for. It's by the pulpit.

The sick and those in need: Richard Dening, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Virginia Piccioni, Mary Peyton, Christine Lewis and Hubert C. Maxwell.

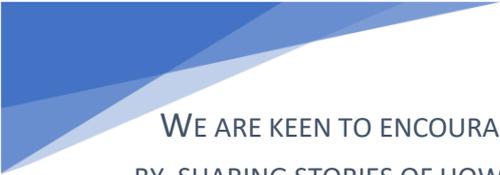
The recently departed and their families: Alex Nunes, Janet Skilbeck and Alan Williams.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

If you would like to be prepared for confirmation (and adult baptism if not already baptised), Simon will be holding socially distanced and/or virtual classes over the summer weeks. Please email him if you would like to join that group. If you would like a refresher on the basics of faith you are also welcome too!

The Church is open for private prayer each weekday morning and on Wednesday afternoon from 3pm to 6pm. Feel free to drop in. For the time being, the Parish Office is operating from the Church itself and the Upper Vestry.

Please note: Reverend Aaron Kennedy is on holiday from 15th to 21st July



WE ARE KEEN TO ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER BY SHARING STORIES OF HOW YOUR FAITH AND LIFE HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS AND THE LOCKDOWN. IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SHARE A STORY IN OUR 11AM SERVICE IN THE COMING WEEKS, PLEASE CONTACT EITHER SIMON OR AARON . LET'S SHARE AND BUILD ON WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED IN RECENT MONTHS.

Giving to St Mary's

We have weathered the storm of the initial lockdown well, boosted by the many who have continued to give faithfully over recent months. We have two requests:

- If you are able to give, please do so, especially if you've not been giving by direct debit and have not brought envelopes back to church.
- If you are facing hardship because of Covid-19, we strongly encourage you to review your giving so as your giving reflects the proportion of your income you now receive.

FRUIT & VEG STALL

Come and visit the SW Fruit & Veg Stall this and every Wednesday to support free food for those who face food hardship in our locality. Every Wednesday 3pm to 6pm. Contact Aaron to volunteer as well!

...and COFFEE

The Regenerate Tuktuk arrived this week and will be serving coffee from 8am to 2pm weekdays (8am to 6pm Wednesdays). Regenerate, who work with disadvantaged young adults from our area to help them develop their life skills and opportunities. Come and try it out!

The Church Council elected a new Honorary Treasurer this week. Richard Cross will be taking over from Chris Moxey in the coming weeks. Thank you to them both. We will formally thank Chris at the Annual Meeting in October.