



St Mary's
BATTERSEA
Growing together with God

Parish Eucharist Summertime

18th July – 5th September 2021



A warm welcome to St Mary's in the name of Jesus Christ, especially if this is your first visit. St Mary's inclusive vision means we want everyone to feel welcome and at home here. Over the summer weeks, while our choir and many church members take holiday, we simplify our service.



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THIS ORDER OF SERVICE IS BEING USED OVER A NUMBER OF WEEKS. PLEASE LEAVE IT BEHIND WHEN YOU DEPART.

Giving to St Mary's

We have an online giving facility at St Mary's via Give a Little. This means that you can now give in a number of ways.

Online via this link or the QR code below: <https://bit.ly/SMBRegular2021>



Via the Contactless Giving Machine available at the back of the church.

Via the Yellow Gift Aid Envelope in the order of service or available at the back of the church. Please complete all the details on the front of the envelope.

Via the Cash Collection during the service.

You can also set up a Standing Order. Our bank details are: Battersea Parish Church PCC, Sort Code 502101, Account Number: 82127468

Covid-19 Arrangements

Although the government is relaxing the obligations on us to act in certain ways, in the Christian community we prioritise mutual love over individual assertion. Please therefore bear with one another by considering:

- if your proximity to someone else is making them feel uncomfortable
- whether it is wise to wear a face mask
- whether it would be good to sanitise your hands and check-in
- whether sitting in the gallery or sitting in the area where social distancing will be maintained is better for you at the moment.

Giving: if you are offering a gift in cash or envelope, please bring it forward as you come forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing and place it in the collection plate in the aisle. If you prefer to give contactlessly, please use the QR code below or the contactless giving device as you leave.

Holy Communion continues to be offered in both kinds by intinction standing at the chancel step. We shall return to the communion rails in September.

Singing will return properly on Sunday 25th July

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We Gather as God's People

Before the service, music will be played.

*Please **remain seated** at the entrance of the ministers.*

Welcome

A Church Member welcomes us. We greet one another.

Opening Hymn

The hymn is announced.

The Greeting

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

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.

Let us recognize his presence with us.

Silence is kept.

As God's people we have gathered:

let us worship him together.

The president welcomes us and sets the scene for our worship.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Come, Holy Spirit,

fill the hearts of your faithful people,

and kindle in us the fire of your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

The president invites the people to recall and confess their sins.

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong
that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The president pronounces God's forgiveness of our sins.

May God our Father forgive *us our* sins
and bring *us* to the eternal joy of his kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no dominion. **Amen.**

A Song of Praise

This hymn will be announced.

A Special Prayer for Today (The Collect)

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

The special prayer for this Sunday is said, and we all respond Amen.

We Hear the Word of God

First Reading from the Old Testament

The first reading is read by a church member. At the moment our Sunday sermons are focusing on the Old Testament readings in the Revised Common Lectionary.

At the end of the reading:

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

Summer Special

An opportunity for something a little bit different each week of the summer.

Gospel Hymn

The hymn is announced.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel reading is read. You can follow it on the weekly insert.

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

Glory, to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel reading we all respond:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The sermon will explore the Old Testament Reading for the day.

At the end of the sermon we keep a moment of silence to reflect.

A short organ improvisation may be played to aid prayer.

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) © Timothy Dudley-Smith

Prayers of Intercession

A member of the congregation leads us in prayers of concern. At the end of the prayers the leader says

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

We Celebrate Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

The hymn is announced.

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer B)

The words of the Eucharistic Prayer are said mainly by the priest, although they are prayed by the whole congregation. You may find it helpful to your prayer to look and listen as the presiding priest leads us in this part of the service. We pray with our eyes as well as our ears.

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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending 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 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:

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 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

**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 president 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 president shows the consecrated bread and wine to the people:

The gifts of God for the people of God.
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

We come forward to receive Holy Communion. For many people in church this is the most special part of the service and we request that we remain in silent prayer or that we sing the Communion hymns. Please respect this request.

Communion Hymns

*Details of the communion hymns, **which are not announced**, are in the weekly insert.*

Post Communion Prayer

**In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love, to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We Commit Ourselves to God's Service

Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

The hymn is announced.

The Peace

Let us share with one another the peace of Christ, God's seal on our prayers.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of peace and the service ends informally.



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FREE SUMMER RECITALS

SUNDAYS at 3PM

25th JULY: Muczynski Trio
1ST AUGUST: The Putelie Ensemble play
Debussy, Pärt & Poulenc
8th AUGUST: to be announced
15th AUGUST: Morello Quartet play
Dvořak & Charlton Singleton
22nd AUGUST: to be announced
29th AUGUST: Ed Bonner (Baritone) &
David Smith (Piano) perform Schumann
5th SEPTEMBER: Barbara Rathbone
(Soprano)

Baptism Texts

Presentation of the Candidate

This takes place shortly after the beginning of the service.

The baptising minister presents N to the congregation, asking:

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome N and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The minister then says to the parents and godparents:

Parents and godparents, the Church receives N with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism N begins their journey in faith. You speak for them today. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

Godparents must be baptised themselves. However, if there are unbaptised people or people of other living faiths, who the parents wish to play a supportive role in their child's spiritual and ethical development, they make the following declaration:

I pledge my love, care and support for N this day. I welcome his/her baptism into the Christian faith and I promise to share the best of myself and the highest of my values with him/her, today and always.

Liturgy of Baptism

The Decision

The minister addresses the candidate through his parents and godparents:

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore, I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

Signing with the Cross

The minister makes the sign of the cross with the Oil of Baptism on N's forehead, saying:

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Baptismal Hymn

During this hymn, the baptismal party moves to the font.

Child of blessing, child of promise,
God's you are, from God you came.
In this sacrament God claims you:
Live as one who bears Christ's name.

Child of God, you bear God's image;
Learn to listen to God's call;
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Trust and love God more than all.

The baptising minister stands before the water of baptism and says:

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life. We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptise into his fellowship those who come to him in faith. Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The baptising minister addresses the congregation

Let us affirm, together with *N* who is being baptised this morning, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Baptism and Giving of a Lighted Candle

The baptising minister baptises the candidates:

N, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

The minister then gives them a lighted candle, lit from the Paschal Candle, and says:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

We welcome the newly-baptised:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;

we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.