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Holy Communion

(Traditional Language)

Sunday 28th November 2021
The First Sunday in Advent

Welcome to St Mary's. We welcome visitors, first-time and online worshippers, as well as those who worship regularly physically in our building. It's great that you can join with us in worship today. Advent begins today, a season of penitence and prayer at the beginning of the Church's year. Think of it as you think of Lent – and ask yourself how you might grow as a disciple in the coming days.

The president today is **Canon Simon Butler** and the preacher is **Ms Leslie Spatt**.

Holy Communion today will be administered at Communion Rail. If you would continue to prefer to receive standing, please feel free to do so.



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Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Ten Commandments

God spake these words and said:

I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth.

Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me and keep my commandments.

Lord, have mercy upon us, incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain:

for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy manservant, and thy maidservant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

Lord, have mercy upon us, incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us, incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Lord, have mercy upon us, incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house,

thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant,

nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.

Lord, have mercy upon us, incline our hearts to keep this law, we beseech thee.

Collect for the Day

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Read by David Gent

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel is written in the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St Luk3, beginning at the twenty-fifth verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Creed

I believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

The Sermon

Ms Leslie Spatt

At the end of the sermon, a short period of silence is observed.

Offertory

One of the following or another sentence of Scripture is used

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *Matthew 5.16*

Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon the earth; where the rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal. *Matthew 6.19*

All things come of thee, and of thine own do we give thee. *1 Chronicles 29.14*
Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth
up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? *1 John 3.17*

The priest places the bread and wine upon the table.

Intercession

We Kneel.

Brief biddings may be given by the priest.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant, that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and specially thy servant *Elizabeth our Queen*, that under *her* we may be godly and justly governed: and grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate.
Amen.

Invitation to Confession

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Confession

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed,
by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him:
have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11.28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3.16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith: This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1.15

Hear also what Saint John saith: If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 2.1,2

Preface

The priest and people praise God for his goodness.

The Lord be with you

and with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,

we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,

heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume

to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,

trusting in our own righteousness,

but in thy manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy

so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.

But thou art the same Lord,

whose property is always to have mercy:

grant us therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,

and to drink his blood,

that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,

and our souls washed through his most precious blood,

and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Prayer of Consecration

The priest, standing at the table, says the Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;

Here the priest is to take the paten.

and, when he had given thanks, he brake it,

Here the priest shall break the bread.

and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat;

Here the priest is to lay a hand on all the bread.

this is my body which is given for you:

do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise, after supper he took the cup;

Here the priest is to take the cup.

and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink ye all of this;

*Here the priest is to lay a hand on every vessel
in which there is wine to be consecrated.*

for this is my blood of the new testament,

which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins:

do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Amen.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Giving of Communion

The priest and people receive communion. At home we invite you to make an act of spiritual communion. The following may be used:

Give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with you now.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

What remains of the consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of communion is consumed now or at the end of the service.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.

Prayer after Communion

O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Or

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Any news or notices are given here.

The Blessing

The priest says:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Giving to St Mary's

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 Please complete all the details on 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

The Parish Christmas Carol Service will be on Sunday 19th December at 6pm. We invite you to bring contributions of mince pies for the after-service refreshments.

For Your Prayers

The Sick and those in Need: Lloyda Maxwell, Bob Cooles, Sue Lucas, Taheim Zeno, Charlotte Foster, Kaeden Patel, Peter Muirhead, Kate Playfair, Jalal Kanoni, Betty Todman, Winnie Hoffland, Chrissy Coates, Bruce Lee, Deirdre Bryant, Linda Sutton, Riccardo Renzi, Karolina Pzekleza, Robert King, Eula Gonsalves, Peter Standing, Paula, Flavio, Paulina and Teofil.

The Recently Departed and their Families: Ricky Hall, Roy Coates, Kathleen Webster, Fidelma and Andrew Gallagher, Desmond Todman, Henry Channon, Claudia, Moss Fuller.

The Week Ahead at St Mary's

Monday 29 th November	Morning Prayer at 9am
Tuesday 23 rd November	Holy Communion at 9am
	Clergy Team Meeting at 9.45am
Wednesday 24 th November	<i>Lectio Divina</i> at 9am (Zoom: The Office has details)
	St Mary's Choir Rehearsal at 7.30pm
	Advent Study Group in Church at 7.30pm
Thursday 25 th November	Holy Communion at 12.30pm
	Thursday Study Group at 1.30pm
Saturday 3 rd December	The Wedding of William Horstuis and Ella Dos Santos at 3.00pm

Next Sunday The Second Sunday of Advent

8.30am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am	Family@Church: a short service for children & families
9.45am	Sunday Morning Advent Study Group
11.00am	Advent Parish Eucharist <i>Morning Preacher: Canon Simon Butler</i>
6.00pm	Advent Film Night

TONIGHT at 6pm
ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
Traditional Advent Carols – Bible Readings – Poetry – And
More
Everyone Welcome

This Week's Notices

Advent Book & Groups: We are holding study groups during Advent to read together the Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2021, *Music of Eternity: Meditations for Advent with Evelyn Underhill*. The Sunday Morning Group starts today, the Thursday afternoon Group will be studying it on 2nd, 9th, 16th December and Revd. Joe Moore will be holding an in-person Study Group on Wednesday at 7.30pm on 1st, 8th & 15th December. You can of course share in reading the book privately if you prefer. Orders have now been placed, so please order the book yourself if you would like it (it's only £5.69 on Kindle if you order it yourself that way). You can also sign up for any of the groups at the back of the church.

Family@Church: Christingle Service. Next Sunday's service will be a special Christingle Service, in aid of the work of the Children's Society. The service will begin shortly after 9.30am. More details here:
<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/christingle/st-marys-parish-church-battersea>

Carols in the Square

St Mary's is leading this exciting event which will take place on Tuesday 7th December at 6:30 pm in Battersea Square.

We need help with the following please:

- Would John D Wood be able to put up an estate agent board in your front garden advertising the event?
- Would you be able to serve refreshments to children from local schools before the event? Or from about 5pm at St. Mary's? (the food is being made by Thomas's Battersea)
- Would you be able to help marshall children and their families to the square from St Mary's?
- Would you be able to hand out song booklets in the square?
- Would you be able to help with rubbish clearing afterwards?

All offers of help to Debbie Apostolides (dgha@sky.com).

Readers for Carol Services: If you would like to do a reading at the Christmas Carol Service on 19th December at 6pm, contact Sue:

sue.lams.hughes@gmail.com

Nativity Play: Junior Church will be performing a nativity play on Sunday 19th December at the 11am service. If your child would like to take part, please contact Cal cal@learningdifferences.co.uk. There are speaking parts as well as non-speaking parts - all ages welcome!

Forthcoming Wedding: Longer term members of St Mary's may wish to know that Emma Belak's eldest daughter Ella is being married at St Mary's on Saturday 4th December at 3pm. You are warmly welcome to attend the service.

Lloyda Maxwell's Funeral Service will be held in Church on Thursday 23rd December at noon. You are very welcome to join us.