



*Hear Janet's story from Zimbabwe in our Christian Aid Service today*

**Parish Eucharist**  
**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Christian Aid Sunday**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**



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**Welcome to St Mary's.** We hope you will find a warm welcome as we gather to worship the living God.

In Eastertide, the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost, we explore and celebrate our sharing in the risen life of Jesus Christ.

Joe Moore, Assistant Priest



### **Pandemic Precautions**

Feel free to wear a mask if you would like to.

We are no longer requesting that we avoid physical contact when the Peace is shared, but please be sensitive to those who may not want a handshake or a hug!

Holy Communion will be distributed at both altars. At the **main altar**, you can receive in both kinds (bread and wine) using the Common Cup. At the **side altar**, we offer communion by intinction – the priest dipping the bread in the wine and placing it in your hand. Please go to your preferred altar.

This service is being live-streamed at [facebook.com/stmarysbattersea](https://facebook.com/stmarysbattersea)

### **Giving to St Mary's**

We have an online giving facility at St Mary's via Give a Little.  
This means that you can 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

**If you normally receive Communion in any other Christian denomination you are welcome to receive Holy Communion here today.  
Everyone is invited to come to the altar rail for a blessing.**

Baby changing facilities and toilets can be found downstairs in the Crypt.

*Presiding Priest: Revd Joe Moore  
Preacher & Deacon: Revd Aaron Kennedy*

*The Sung Setting of the Eucharist is the Mass of St Cedd by Peter Nardone.  
Canon Simon Butler is on holiday.*

## **We Gather as God's People**

### **Welcome**

*A member of St Mary's welcomes us to church. They introduce the service:*

In our service today we are going to consider what it means to live fruitful lives. This is a phrase used throughout the Bible. Bearing fruit that is good and that will last is something we are called to do as followers of Jesus.

What does this mean, to bear fruit, in today's world? In a world where 44 million people face the challenge of daily food shortages and chronic hunger, what does 'fruit that will last' mean to all our lives?

As fruit is a source of sweet sustenance and life, we cannot just consider the challenge of hunger. We must also consider the solutions and change that we can participate in bringing about.

We will root these ideas in the stories of Jessica and Janet from Zimbabwe. We will reflect on these big questions through the lived experience of hunger caused by drought.

Let us worship.

### **Hymn**

#### ***Common Praise 250 (omit verses 5 & 6)***

*All creatures of our God and King*

### **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.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Joe 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.**

*Aaron invites us to call to mind our sins.*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Good God of creation, we sing praise to you.  
But even as we raise our voices we know we have faltered and failed.  
Walking on paths that turned our hearts inward,  
sitting with those who scoffed at the cries of the poor,  
mocking those on the margins,  
denying the earth in her distress.  
Too often our leaves have withered, our branches are barren.  
We have failed to be pruned and the axe is now poised.  
Poised to cut down the excesses that crucify all creation,  
the systems that impoverish all people,  
the privileges that diminish our faith.  
But even now it is not too late.  
For in the face of judgement comes the offer of grace  
and the hope that deadwood can spring to life.  
Where we have failed to bear good fruit  
and share your abundance for the earth  
**God, have mercy.**  
When our actions and intentions have been as chaff for the winds of heaven  
**God, have mercy.**  
Forgive us. Restore us.  
Inspire us now to delight in your purposes, to embrace your possibilities,  
to inhabit your promises,  
to flourish as fruit for the world you so love  
and bring healing for all the nations. **Amen.**

*The presiding priest absolves us from our sin.*

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.**

### **Gloria (Mass of St Cedd)**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer,  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen.**

### **Collect**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**



**Our children now leave for  
Godly Play after a few  
words from one of the  
clergy.**

# The Word of God in Scripture

**First Reading: Acts 11:1-18**

*Read by Stuart McAlpine*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 148:1-6**

*The Choir sings the Psalm to traditional chant*

1. O praise the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.
2. Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.
3. Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.
4. Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.
5. Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.
6. He hath made them fast for ever and ever : he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

## **Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6**

*Read by Sarah Bryant*

A reading from the Revelation to John.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Hymn**

### **Common Praise 557**

*Praise to the Holiest in the height*

## **Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35**

*Read by the deacon in the centre of the church: turn to face it.*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Sermon

Revd Aaron Kennedy

*We keep a few moments of silence after the sermon*

## Anthem

And I saw a new heaven      *Edgar Bainton*

*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

## Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.**

## Intercessions

*Bob Cooles leads us in prayers of intercession with a Christian Aid Week focus.*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

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

*A greeting or a handshake of Peace is exchanged.*

## Offertory Hymn

### **Common Praise 393**

*Brother, sister, let me serve you*

## 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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards the world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

Congregational Member: This is his story.

**All: This is our song.**

The crowds came out to see your Son yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

Congregational Member: This is his story.

**All: This is our song.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: this is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: this is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

Congregational Member: This is our story.

**All: This is our song.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

Congregational Member: This is our story.

**All: This is our song.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.**

## Giving of Communion

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

***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.***

## Communion Motet

Ubi caritas            *Maurice Duruflé*

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex  
corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.*

Where charity and love are, there is God. The love of Christ has brought us together into one flock. Let us rejoice and let us be glad in that love itself. Let us fear and love the living God, and let us love from a pure heart. Amen

## Communion Hymn

1. This is my body, broken for you, bringing you wholeness, making you free.  
Take it and eat it, and when you do, do it in love for me.
2. This is my blood, poured out for you, bringing forgiveness, making you free.  
Take it and drink it, and when you do, do it in love for me.
3. Back to my Father soon I shall go; do not forget me, then you will see  
I am still with you, and you will know you're very close to me.
4. Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow! You are my branches, I am the tree.  
If you are faithful, others will know you are alive in me.

5. Love one another, I have loved you, and I have shown you how to be free; serve one another, and when you do, do it in love for me.

*Jimmy Owens/Damian Lundy*  
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## **Post Communion Prayer**

**Eternal God,**  
**whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:**  
**grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth,**  
**and to share his risen life;**  
**who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen**

## **We are Sent forth in Mission**

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

## **Blessing**

In the name of God who plants the seed of justice: Be hungry.  
In the name of Christ who hangs on the tree of love: Be fruitful.  
And in the name of the Spirit who inspires God's will in our hearts and our lives:  
Be celebrated.  
You are Christ's people, here and throughout the world now and forever. **Amen.**  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

**Common Praise 538**  
*O Jesus I have promised*

## **Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia**

## **Voluntary**

*Festal postlude on Lasst uns erfreuen by William Faulkes (1863-1933)*

## For Your Prayers

**The Sick and those in Need:** Rob & Oui, Giacomo, Vic Richards, Sarmista, Kelly Arbour, Emma, Bruce Lee, Andrew Hamilton, Sheila Wood, Baby Sharma, David Kenrick.

**The Recently Departed and their Families:** Teresa Moloney, Elizabeth Dunphy, Doris Harrison, Jack Todd, Romer Fisher, Trist Woodley & Desmond Seward.

## This Week at St Mary's

*The Parish Office is Open on restricted hours this week owing to staff holiday.  
We are grateful to the volunteers who are sitting in.*

**We are in a staff holiday period:** Simon is away until 29<sup>th</sup> May, Aaron will be away 17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May, and Harry is now away until 19<sup>th</sup> May!

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning Prayer at 9am
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Communion at 9am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Lectio Divina at 9am (Zoom, Office has details)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Communion at 12.30pm Thursday Group meets at 1.30pm in Church

## Next Sunday – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (Traditional Language)</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with Godly Play for Children</b> <i>Morning Preacher: Reverend Joe Moore</i>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong sung jointly by the Choirs of St Mary's Putney and St Mary's Battersea</b>

## This Week's Notices

**Christian Aid Week:** This is Christian Aid Week. Please use your Christian Aid envelope as generously as possible and return it via the collection plate this week or next, or via the office as soon as possible. The relief of poverty and the need for international aid is even more critical at this time of war in Europe.

**Next Sunday our Choral Evensong** will be shared with the Choir of St Mary's Putney. Do come along and join us in a larger choir and a special shared act of worship. 6pm Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

**Ascension Day Service:** There will be an evening service to celebrate the Ascension of Jesus on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

## This Week's Notices

**Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch:** Please take an invite to this special event from the back of church, invite your friends and return it to the Parish Office by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**. There will be fizz, a sit-down 'high tea' style lunch with a jubilee theme, activities for children, and live entertainment.

**Jubilee Lunch Volunteering:** We need lots of help for this, the biggest event of the year. Help required with: setting up tables and chairs, laying tables, serving, setting up serving area for tea and coffee, cake making, transporting tables from various local venues, setting up gazebos, marshalls/security/welcoming, clearing up, First Aid, and more. Sign up at the back. Please step up on this one!

**Jazz at St Mary's.** We have two upcoming Jazz Evenings: May, 27<sup>th</sup> & June 24<sup>th</sup>, all at 8pm. Tickets available on the door and via Eventbrite. Hugo is also planning a Jazz Festival 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July to include a Jazz Eucharist at 11am on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Do plan to invite you friends and family. Details soon.

**Regular Giving to St Mary's: An Important Request:** If you have joined St Mary's in the past two years or so, we ask you kindly to take away one of the green *Giving to St Mary's* leaflets from the back. This outlines the commitment we invite all our members to make to regular financial giving to the church through a regular pledge to give. We also ask those who do not yet give regularly but who have been around a long time to take one and give it due thought as well. Those already giving regularly will be invited to renew their stewardship pledge later in the year.

**Wandsworth Citizens - Listening to our Church and Neighbours:** As part of Wandsworth Citizens, St Mary's is part of building a strong community alliance that can hold the new Council to account, to ensure their agenda is shaped by local people.

As of this month, we are entering an exciting phase as Wandsworth Citizens of Listening. This is the first and vital step in building people power. We will be listening to people in our church as well as in neighbours across the Borough to understand the most important issues facing people of Wandsworth today.

We invite you to be part of this Listening Campaign and so invite you to an online Briefing put on by our Wandsworth organisers, Rory and Sarah, on Wednesday 18th May, 6-7pm on Zoom. Please note, this is only one hour long, and it will set us up well for the listening campaign. Please register to attend here:

<https://citizensuk.typeform.com/to/EuprfLVp>

**Children, Young People & Mental Health:** St Barnabas, Clapham Common and Care for the Family are holding a special *A Mind of their Own* event on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm, focusing on building emotional resilience and healthy mental wellbeing. This may well interest parents and those who work with children. More details: [www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/tourevents/a-mind-of-their-own](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/tourevents/a-mind-of-their-own).

## This Week's Notices

**Summer Sermons: Over to you!** Once every year or two, I like to give members of the church a chance to suggest topics or themes for sermons and to step away from the Lectionary pattern of readings. There are six summer Sundays, when the choir are on their summer break, where we will have sermons on particular themes. But instead of me choosing them I'd be keen to hear from you about subjects you'd like a sermon on: a topical subject, a theological or spiritual question, a question of ethics or morality, or a life challenge you are facing. If you would like to choose a sermon topic, please email me or fill out a request chit at the back of church and put it in the new white post box at the top of the steps into and out of church. *Simon* ([vicar@stmarysbattersea.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stmarysbattersea.org.uk))

**Leading Prayers at 11am:** Our team of people leading prayers at the Parish Eucharist has got very small, following various post-Covid relocations of volunteers, with more to come. If you might be interested in having a chat about what's involved in leading intercessions please speak to one of the clergy. Training will be given – it's not as daunting as it might seem and it is a much-appreciated ministry.

**Summer Worship Pattern & Junior Church:** From 24<sup>th</sup> July to the early September, the worship pattern at St Mary's shifts to a simpler non-choral form at 11am as the choir take a summer break. Junior Church leaders also take a summer break. This year, with three clergy on the team, they will take part in covering the summer weeks by providing a simple Junior Church offering. But we will need a small number of volunteers to work alongside them – one per week on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August. Please speak to the clergy to offer help.

**'Open Church' on Sunday Afternoons:** For many years we have been able to welcome thousands of visitors to our 'Open Church' on Sunday afternoons thanks to the time given by many of you in the congregation. We want to start again now, after the pandemic and are planning to open the church again on Sundays between 1pm and 5pm from June to September if we can get enough volunteers. Can you help? You do not need to have knowledge of the history of the church (we have information sheets); you are there to welcome people and simple training is there for anyone who wants it.

Open Church has proved immensely worthwhile in providing a place of quiet for visitors and / or the opportunity to look round our church. Interests are quite varied and people come from near and far. A rota is on the board at the back of church, so please sign up for a two-hour slot when you can.

Questions: contact Jenny: [jenny.scott.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.scott.thompson@gmail.com) or 07909 694776



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*Growing together with God*



**A Service of Thanksgiving for  
the Platinum Jubilee of  
Her Majesty the Queen  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 11am  
All Welcome**