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**Holy Communion**  
(Traditional Language)  
**The Fourth Sunday**  
**After Easter**  
**15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Welcome to St Mary's online and a very Happy Easter.**

The president today is **Reverend Aaron Kennedy**, and the sermon will contain some input about this year's Christian Aid focus in Zimbabwe. Please use the enclosed Christian Aid envelope generously and return it today in the collection or when you are next at church. Don't forget the Gift Aid declaration if you can.

Holy Communion today will be administered at Communion Rail. If you would still prefer to receive by intinction, please remain standing at the rail.



**STMARYSBATTERSEA**

**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.**

**Collect for the Day**

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

*Read by Claire Pilton*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> ‘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. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” <sup>8</sup> But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> 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.” <sup>17</sup> 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?’ <sup>18</sup> 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.’

Here endeth the Epistle.

## Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel is written in the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning at the thirty-first verse.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him,<sup>[a]</sup> God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> 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.” <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one

another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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**

*Reverend Aaron Kennedy*

## 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 Gloria**

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **The Blessing**

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.**

### **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.

## 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

## 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

*Reverend Aaron Kennedy unavailable until 25<sup>th</sup> May*

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Lectio Divina at 9am (Zoom, Office has details)

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

*Canon Simon Butler unavailable until 29<sup>th</sup> May*

Holy Communion at 12.30pm

Thursday Group meets at 1.30pm in Church

## Next Sunday – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.30am

**Holy Communion (Traditional Language)**

11.00am

**Parish Eucharist with Godly Play for Children**

*Morning Preacher: Reverend Joe Moore*

6.00pm

**Choral Evensong sung jointly by the Choirs of St Mary's Putney and St Mary's Battersea**

## 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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!

**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.

**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

**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>

**'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

**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))