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# Holy Communion

(Traditional Language)

## Eighth Sunday after Trinity

### 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**Welcome to St Mary's online.** We hope you find God's presence with you wherever you are as you worship with us today.

The Celebrant and Preacher this morning is **Canon Simon Butler**. His theme, chosen by a member of the congregation as part of our summer series, is *The Plight of Persecuted Christians*.



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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:  
cleans 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 GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19

*Read by Jenny Scott-Thompson*

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a

mischief-maker. <sup>16</sup> Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. <sup>17</sup> For the time has come for judgement to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And

‘If it is hard for the righteous to be saved,  
what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?’

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God’s will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

Here endeth the Epistle.

## **Gospel Reading: John 15:18-27**

The Holy Gospel is written in the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning at the eighteenth verse.

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

<sup>18</sup> ‘If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said to you, “Servants are not greater than their master.” If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. <sup>21</sup> But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. <sup>22</sup> If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup> Whoever hates me hates my Father also. <sup>24</sup> If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. <sup>25</sup> It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, “They hated me without a cause.”

<sup>26</sup> ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup> You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

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**

*Canon Simon Butler*

## **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.**

### 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

### For Your Prayers

**The Sick and those in Need:** Bruce Lee, Tony Lester, Brian and Marion Mortimer, Brigid Colleton, Eileen Thompson, Irene Swasbrook, Nikki Yates, George Turner, Julian Clark, Paul, Corbin Swecker, Kelly Arbour, John Wickham, Julie Walker.

**The Recently Departed and their Families:** Derek Williams, Derrick Taylor, Chuck, Lawrence Wiley.

## This Week at St Mary's

*The Parish Office & Church are open 9.30am to 12.30pm each weekday.*

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August      Morning Prayer at 9am  
**Tonight's PCC Standing Committee is Cancelled**  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August      Holy Communion at 9am  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August *Lectio Divina* at 9am (Zoom, Office has details)  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August    Holy Communion at 12.30pm

### Next Sunday: The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

**8.30am      Holy Communion (Traditional Language)**  
**11.00am      Summer Style Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism**  
*During this service Hally Page, Theodore and Sienna Simpson will be baptised*  
Morning Sermon: *Should we Forgive and Forget?*  
**2.00pm      The Marriage of Mohsen Ben Yahya & Jennifer Aluffo**  
**4.00pm      Summer Recital: Maria Kustas (Piano)**  
*Beethoven & Brahms*  
**6.00pm      Evening Prayer** led by Leslie Spatt

### This Week's Notices

**Reading the Bible: How to Start or Get Better at it:** Simon's is planning to continue his Bible Reading sessions on Monday evenings for a couple more sessions, on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Both 7.30pm to 8.45pm in Church. Open to beginners and the more experienced. Come and join a growing group!

**With Aaron's departure,** we want to take forward some of the work he began. If you can help with the short first Sunday Family@Church service, please contact Joe Moore or Debbie Apostolides ([dgha@sky.com](mailto:dgha@sky.com)). If you might be interested in helping 'green' St Mary's by joining the Eco-Church Group, please contact Simon or Stuart McAlpine ([stuartmcalpine@incegd.com](mailto:stuartmcalpine@incegd.com)). The Church Council will be exploring the staffing issues which arise from the end of the Associate Vicar post – at least in this form – at a special September meeting. Please do share any thoughts with Simon or the Church Wardens.

**Summer Recital Series:** Every Sunday at 3pm (except next Sunday when it will be at 4pm). Free with refreshments afterwards.

**Hymn Books:** We seem to be a bit reduced in the number of hymn books at the back of church. If you've borrowed one or accidentally taken one home, please could you drop it back when you're next in church? Thank you!

## This Week's Notices

### **London Open House and an Autumn Fayre**

This year's London Open House takes place over a longer period and St Mary's will be open to visitors on the 2 weekends, 10-11<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September. Please sign up at the back of church if you can help.

In addition to this from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September afternoon through to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September evening we will be holding an **Autumn Fayre**. This is primarily the Christmas Fayre postponed from 2020 when we had to cancel for Covid restrictions. Please note this is NOT the traditional St Mary's fair. We will be having commercial stalls, information about church activities and groups, a walk to Battersea Park, some music and more. Further details will follow over the coming weeks. Any queries please contact Libby at [libby.bradshaw@ursa.me.uk](mailto:libby.bradshaw@ursa.me.uk)

**Looking forward to the Autumn:** Simon is on sabbatical from 19<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023. This would be a great time for people to step forward and fill some of the gaps. We need, among other things:

- Some new Welcomers to assist the team in offering hospitality;
- A few more people to help lead the intercessions at 11am on Sundays;
- Some volunteers the Wardens, Harry & Joe can call upon to help with other practical matters;

This would be great time for people new to St Mary's to offer to help in what will be a particularly pressured time for our core team.

**Weekday Worship in the Autumn:** We will be trialling a different pattern of weekday worship from September to January, which will offer new chances to worship, pray and study, while adapting our current programme for the period of Simon's sabbatical. The programme will be as follows:

<i>Monday:</i>	Morning Prayer on Facebook Live/Zoom at 9am (½ hour)
<i>Tuesday:</i>	<i>Lectio Divina</i> (Prayerful Bible Reading) on Zoom at 9am (½ hour)
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Holy Communion, Bible Study and Coffee at 10.30am (1¼ hour) <i>This is a new clergy-led service which will offer a chance to meet for worship, bible-focussed learning and discussion and for fellowship during the week.</i>
<i>Thursday:</i>	Prayer during the Day at 1.00pm. (20 minutes) <i>A simple service of the word prior to the regular Thursday afternoon study group meeting at 1.30pm</i>

This pattern will begin on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. The Sunday pattern will be unchanged.