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(Traditional Language)
**The Second Sunday of
Epiphany
14th January 2024**

Holy Communion

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 president and preacher is Revd Vanessa Elston.



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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.**

Collect for the Day

Almighty God, who in Christ makest all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of thy grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known thy heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Read by Click Mitchell

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51

The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning to read at the 43rd verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon 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

Revd Vanessa Elston

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

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 *Charles our King*, that under *him* we may be godly and justly governed: and grant unto *his* whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under *him*, 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

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

Your Prayers

Please remember Israel and Gaza in your prayers, and all caught up in the war.

The Sick and those in Need: Roger & Margaret, Ann, Alberto Calderin, Denise Lyman, Ashley & Maureen, Paul Bell, Harry & Grant, John Pine, Sheila, Aditi Halabi, Brian Keeley, Matthew Thompson-Royds

The Recently Departed and their Families: : Jim Peers, Joan Matthews, Jeremy Sabin, Marion Brudy, Margaret Driscoll, Morty Decanto, Sheila, Sandy & Peter, Bobby, Elizabeth George, Sara Raja, Aunt Nahid

This Week at Mary's

The Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in Church 10am to 4pm.
The office is contactable by phone and email on Monday.

Monday 15 January Bellringing at 7.30pm
Wednesday 17 January Choir Practice at 7.30pm
Thursday 18 January Study Group meets in Church 1.30pm
Saturday 20 January Platinum Choral workshop (All day)

Sunday 21 January – The Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.30am Holy Communion (Traditional Language)

11am Parish Eucharist and Godly Play

Morning Preacher: Reverend Vanessa Elston

3pm Winter Recital Series: Evan Lawrence

6pm Unity Week Service at Sacred Heart

St Mary's Battersea is currently in a period of vacancy and will remain without a resident parish priest until the arrival of an expected interim priest-in-charge in February 2024. In that time, the best way to get information or to enquire about any aspect of church life is via the Office (office@stmarysbattersea.org.uk)

During the next few months there will be no weekday worship in St Mary's. Special services will be announced in the notices and newsletter.

Parish Office Notices

Newsletters: The next deadline for submissions is Wednesday 17 January

Articles: While we've got no full-time priest, it would be good to have occasional newsletter articles from members of the congregation. If you could write a short piece for, please let Felicity know in the Office.

Readers: We are looking for more people to read at the 11:00am services. Please do get in touch with Felicity in the office if you can help!

Church Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation to the Sunday flowers, the sign up sheet for the dates is at the back of Church or contact the office/Melora. If you would like to specify a person or anniversary, please add the details and we will put the information in the service sheet on the appropriate Sunday! Pedestals cost up to £50 but ANY contribution is greatly appreciated. Please contact the office or Melora (details at back of Church) for more information or to make a donation.

Music at St Marys – Winter Recital Series

The popular Winter Recital series begins on Sunday 21st January! These are free concerts that take place at 3pm on Sundays.

The First Recital on 21st January at 3pm is with Evan Lawrence performing as part of his string quartet.

Future recitals include:

28th January: local musicians Faye Sutthakorn-Evans and Florica Grigoras

4th February; Robert Patterson continuing his series of Bach organ recitals

11th Feb: Schubert's Winterreise sung by Aleksii Koponen

Please do come along and spread the word about these excellent free concerts.

Appointment of Interim Priest-in-Charge

We are delighted to announce that, after consultation with the Patron and parish representatives, the Bishop of Southwark has appointed the Revd Canon Stephen Taylor to be interim Priest in Charge of St Mary Battersea, subject to the usual legal formalities.

Stephen is currently Diocesan Secretary of the diocese of Canterbury, having most recently served as Archdeacon of Maidstone in the same diocese. Stephen moved to Canterbury from the Diocese of Durham where he served his curacy and two incumbencies before becoming Provost of Sunderland Minster.

It is anticipated that Stephen and Julie will move to Battersea in late January to live in the Vicarage and that Stephen will be licensed at Evensong on 18th February.