

# St Mary's Primrose Hill



## Third Sunday before Lent 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019

8.00am

Holy Communion

**10.30am**

**Parish Eucharist**

6.00pm

Preaching & Pints



Jesus Teaches the People by the Sea, Artist: James Tissot

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**Welcome** to all who are visiting St Mary's for the first time today. We hope that you will find this church a place where you can encounter God, enjoy worship & make new friends.

**Today's stewards are:** Caroline Stauss, Laura Downie, Taam Sasikan, Carol Slater

Christians of all denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those who prefer to receive a blessing are asked to hold the service leaflet in your hand as a helpful sign to the clergy. Coffee will be served after the service. Please stay and enjoy a few minutes' conversation.

## **Children**

Children are most welcome in the service. We encourage families with children to sit at the FRONT of the church so that children can see what is going on. Sunday school will meet in the Parish Centre during the 10.30 service. For information and help, please see one of the stewards.

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## PARISH EUCHARIST



**Mass setting:** Sumsion in F

*Please stand at entrance of choir and clergy.*

**President:** The Revd Nick Walters

**Entrance Hymn 333:** All my hope on God is founded

### **The Greeting**

*The presiding priest greets the people.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All**            **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**All**            **And also with you.**

*The President welcomes the people, introduces the service and dismisses the children to their own Ministry of the Word.*

*The deacon invites all present to call to mind their sins.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ says, 'A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you.' Let us confess to almighty God our failure to accept his love and to share it with others.

### **Prayer of confession**

**All**            **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

*The president says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**            **Amen.**

## **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest

**All** 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 sins of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**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.**

## **Collect**

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All**        **Amen.**

*Please sit for the readings.*

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 17.5-10 (*read in the Authorised Version*)

*Reader: Alison Shell*

Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.

For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.

For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

*The reader says*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All**        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm I** (*Sung by the Choir*)

1. *Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners: and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.*
2. *But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.*
3. *And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side: that will bring forth his fruit in due season.*
4. *His leaf also shall not wither: and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.*
5. *As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.*
6. *Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement: neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.*
7. *But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: and the way of the ungodly shall perish.*

## **Second Reading:** I Corinthians 15.12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

*The reader says*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn 365:** God moves in a mysterious way

*Turn to face the procession as we sing a greeting to the Gospel.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## **Gospel:** Luke 6.17-26

*When the Gospel is announced:*

**All**            **Glory to you, O Lord.**

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you,  
and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for  
joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors  
did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to  
the false prophets.

*At the end of the Gospel the deacon says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:** The Revd Preb. Marjorie Brown

### **Nicene Creed**

**All We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Intercessions** *led by Audrey Wells*

*The response may be*

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please stand.*

**The Peace**

Let the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

*The deacon says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Offertory Hymn 302: O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray**

*During this hymn bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

*A collection is taken so that those who do not give by standing order may make a donation if they wish. Gift Aid envelopes are available from the stewards.*

**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,  
your living Word, through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed  
Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us;

he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

*Choir*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness: grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these your gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

*The deacon says*

**All** Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Blessed Mary, Paul the Apostle and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**All** **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**All**        **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and  
forever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread too share in the body of Christ.

**All**        **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one  
bread.**

## Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All**        **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I  
shall be healed.**

*All who normally receive communion in their own church are warmly invited to receive Holy Communion. Others are welcome to come forward for a blessing. (Please bring this leaflet with you to show that you wish to receive a blessing.)*

*The reply to the words "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" is a clear **Amen** as we receive the risen Lord in our outstretched hands.*

*During the distribution the choir sings the Agnus Dei.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

**Anthem:** Beati quorum via – Stanford

*All stand for the final prayers.*

## Post Communion

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**All**        **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*Please sit for the banns and notices*

**Final Hymn 467:** Through all the changing scenes of life

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

**All**           The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; and the blessing of God almighty, the father, the son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

*The deacon says*

**All**           Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Organ Voluntary:** Toccata from Suite Gothique - Boellmann

**Our worship has ended. Now our service begins.**

### **Special Intentions**

Parish cycle of intercessions: This week at the daily office and Eucharist the clergy will be praying for people on the congregational roll with names Lee to Riley.

We pray for the people of our partner parishes, St Luke in the Fields, West Greenwich Village, New York City, and our ALMA link parish of St Peter, Cazenga in Luanda, Angola.

The sick and those who have asked for our prayers:

The Revd Linda Dean, Amanda Martin, Mary McCaffrey, Lidia Cintra, Christine Sykes, Iris Reeves, Kezia Meanwell, Lena Renwick, Barbara Lowe, Chris Fairnington, Rachel Elliott, Cherry Elliott-Millar, Jean-Marc Salmon, Eric Barendt, Diana Pinover, Celyn Cooke, Rick Savage, Libby, Marcus, Daphne, Beatrice and Krista.

We hold in our prayers the recently departed & those whose anniversaries occur this week:

17 <sup>th</sup> February	Hal van der Pump, Mary Sheppard, Charles Gunawardena
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Mary Russell
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Eric Henry Yates, Brian Dunn
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Julian Target, Aimee Valdez

## NOTICES

### **Renewal of Electoral Roll and Active Giving:**

If you have not yet filled in your forms, please do so today. They can also be completed online at [www.stmarysprimrosehill.com](http://www.stmarysprimrosehill.com)

Please note that we have to make a completely new membership list this year, so everyone who is eligible needs to sign a new form.

We will hold a **week of accompanied prayer** from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. This time participants will meet just three times during the week at a mutually convenient time and place with a prayer companion, to talk about their own prayer life and receive encouragement and suggestions. Sign up at the stewards' table.

Miriam Rinsler will lead a **Quiet Day** for the beginning of Lent on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**Lent groups** this year will focus on Jewish perspectives on John's gospel. Rabbi Mark Solomon will come to give us some thoughts about this subject on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 6 pm. Save the date now – this is a very special opportunity to hear a thoughtful Jewish scholar who loves to engage with Christians in dialogue. Home groups will meet just **four times** this year, beginning in the week of 18<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to host or lead a group (notes will be provided), please speak to Marjorie. There will also, as usual, be a Thursday morning group following this year's York Course.

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**. During the service, and at the meeting that follows, information will be shared about plans for the 2022 project to renovate the church. Please save this date now and be sure to attend.

The parish trip with St Johns Wood to **Sicily** has been postponed, because of booking complications, to May 2020.

## SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEK



### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February

9.00am Morning Prayer

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

9.00am Morning Prayer  
 6.00pm Evening Prayer  
 6.30pm Holy Communion

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

8.30am Morning Prayer  
 6.00pm Evening Prayer

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February

9.00am Morning Prayer  
 9.45am – 11.45am Primrose Hill Tearooms  
 9.30am – 11.30am Parent and Toddler group  
 12 noon Holy Communion with healing ministry  
 6.00pm **Lectio Divina**  
 7.30pm **Shenandoa Harmony**

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

9.00am Morning Prayer

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

*Polycarp, bishop, martyr, c.155*

*No services today*

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February

### Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am **Holy Communion**  
 9.15am **Informal Eucharist**  
 10.30am **Parish Eucharist**  
 Preacher: The Revd Mark Wakefield  
 6.00pm **Contemplative Prayer**