

Parish Eucharist

for the sixth Sunday of Easter

5th May 2024

10am



Welcome to St Margaret's, Putney

St Margaret's is a haven of peace in bustling Putney. A space to reflect and meet God. To connect with others, celebrate life and find support when we need it most. To grow strong bonds with our local community and make positive change.

Our services and music are rooted in the traditions of the Church of England. We want church to be inclusive, thought-provoking and fun, and we strive to make God's Word relevant and connected to everyday life. Children fully participate in Sunday Mornings, with weekly Sunday School and regular all-age services to energise and encourage their spiritual growth.

Whether you want to feel part of something bigger or need a quiet moment to yourself, there's a warm welcome waiting for you, here at the heart of your community.

St Margaret's Putney. Reflect. Connect. Grow.

Welcome to St Margaret's.
Please take a moment before our service begins to pray.

Louez le Seigeur!

Cameroon folk hymn

Louez le Seigneur! Louez son saint nom, alleluia! Praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name, alleluia!

Opening Sentence

Let us pray.

You did not choose me but I chose you; and I appointed you to go and bear fruit

Jesus lives! thy terrors now can, O death, no more appal us; Jesus lives! by this we know thou, O grave, canst not enthral us. Alleluya!

Jesus lives! henceforth is death but the gate of life immortal; this shall calm our trembling breath when we pass its gloomy portal. Alleluya!

Jesus lives! for us he died; then, alone to Jesus living, pure in heart may we abide, glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluya!

Jesus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his love shall sever; life nor death nor powers of hell tear us from his keeping ever.

Alleluya!

Jesus lives! to him the throne over all the world is given; may we go where he is gone, rest and reign with him in heaven. Alleluya!

ST ALBINUS REH 149 Christian Gellert 1715-69 translated Frances Cox 1812-97 H J Gauntlett 1805-76

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Words of welcome may follow.

All 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.

<u>Prayers of Penitence</u>

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart. ΑΠ 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.

> 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.

Please stand to sing the Gloria.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

D Thorne b. 1950

The Collect for the sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as bu his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

Amen. ΑΠ

The Children go out to Sunday School.

Please be seated for the readings.

Acts 10:44-48

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the aift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for theu heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit iust as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stau for several days.

The reader concludes:
This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.



Refrain: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. His own right hand and his holy arm have won for him the victory. **Refrain:**

The Lord has made known his salvation; his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. **Refrain:**

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; break into singing and make music. Make music to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the voice of melody. **Refrain:**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn sound praises before the Lord, the King. Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, the world and all that dwell upon it. **Refrain:**

Let the rivers clap their hands and let the hills ring out together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. **Refrain:**

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everuone who loves the parent loves the child. Bu this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obeu his commandments. For the love of God is this. that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water onlu but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies. for the Spirit is the truth.

The reader concludes:
This is the word of the Lord.
All
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him'

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

John 14:23

John 15:9-17

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not

choose me but I chose you; and I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to You, O Christ.

The Gospel is followed by a voluntary.

The Sermon

The Revd Sarah Curl Please be seated.

Please stand for the creed.

Let us declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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 alorified: 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Please be seated.

Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. The response is:

Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

The intercessions conclude:

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our

Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

The Peace

All

The congregation stands. The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you'. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The peace is shared.
A collection will be taken. Please fill
in a gift-aid envelope if you are a
UK tax payer. You can also make a
donation by scanning the QR code
on our pewsheet or by card using a
giving station after the service.

Please stand to sing the offertory hymn.

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been: love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him,
Love whom men had slain,
thinking that never
he would wake again,
laid in the earth like
grain that sleeps unseen:
love is come again, like
wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain, quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:

love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, thy touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been: love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you,
All and of your own do we give you.



The congregation is seated.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almightu and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works, for by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory: Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

D Thorne b. 1950

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ and, as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

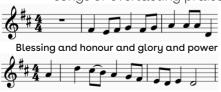
Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, we look for the coming of your kingdom and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord

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

D Thorne b. 1950

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:



be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

As we look for the coming of the kingdom, 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 for ever. Amen.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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.

D Thorne b. 1950

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.

The people receive communion.
Please do not intinct (dip your wafer).
All those baptised as members of
their own church are invited to
receive communion or a blessing, in
which case please bring this order
of service with you.

The Love of Christ

Tom Hewitt Jones, b. 1984

The love of Christ who died for me Is more than mind can know; his mercy measureless and free To meet the debt I owe. He came my sinful cause to plead, He laid his glories by, for me a homeless life to lead, A shameful death to die. My sins I only see in part, My selfregarding way; the secret places of my heart Lie bare before his gaze. For me the price of sin he paid; my sins beyond recall are all alike on Jesus laid, he died to bear them all. O living Lord of life, for whom the heavens held their breath, to see, triumphant from the tomb, a love that conquers death. Possess my heart that it may be Your kingdom with-out end. O Christ who died for love of me and lives to be my friend.

Prayers after Communion

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.

All Amen.

All 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.

The notices are given.

Banns are read.

The children present their work.

Please stand for our closing hymn.

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down. Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesu, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee, changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise!

BLAENWERN REH 522 Charles Wesley 1707-88 William Rowlands 1860-1937 The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

A voluntary is played. Tea or coffee is available in the kitchen.