



Parish Eucharist

for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

26th APRIL 2026

10am



ST MARGARET'S
PUTNEY

Welcome to St Margaret's, Putney

St Margaret's is a diverse and friendly community in leafy West Putney. A space to meet God, to connect with others, celebrate life and find support when we need it most. We are building a vibrant community and making a positive change, through prayer, friendship, charity and care of the environment.

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. People of all ages fully participate in Sunday Mornings and activities throughout the week.

Whether you want to be 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. The church operates a hearing loop system. Please turn your hearing aid to the "T" position. Please take a moment before our service begins to pray.

Introit

God be in my head

H. Walford Davis (1869-1941) Edited by Lionel Dakers

The Priest says

Day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Please stand to sing the hymn:

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one,
lay down
thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched,
my soul revived and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise
and all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

KINGSFOLD

Horatius Bonar 1808-89

Adapted from an English Folk song RVW

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

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

Please be seated for the welcome.

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

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.

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.

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 as you are able.

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.

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus
Christ is the resurrection and the
life, raise us who trust in him
from the death of sin to the life
of righteousness, that we may
seek those things which are
above, where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

*Please be seated for the reading.
Children may go through to
Sunday School.*

Genesis 7

A reading from the book of Genesis

Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation.

Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth.

For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.'

And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came on the earth.

And Noah with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood.

Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, two and two, male and

female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah.

And after seven days the waters of the flood came on the earth.

In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened.

The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights.

On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature.

They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life.

And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered; the waters swelled above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep.

And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings; everything on dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died.

He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, human beings and animals and creeping things and birds of the air; they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those that were with him in the ark.

And the waters swelled on the earth for one hundred and fifty days.

The reader concludes:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Refrain:



The Lord is my shepherd,



there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The congregation sing the refrain.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Refrain:

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Refrain:

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Refrain:

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Refrain:

Acts 2.42-end

A reading from the book of the Acts to the Apostles

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The reader concludes:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able as the Gospel is brought forward.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

I am the good shepherd says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia.

John 10:1-10

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.

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice.

He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came

that they may have life and have it abundantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gospel is followed by a voluntary.

The Sermon

Anne East Reader Emerita

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
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.**

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.

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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

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.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a
sign of peace.

The peace is shared.

The Collection

- *Please fill in a gift-aid envelope if you are a UK tax payer.*
- *A machine for card donations will circulate with the plate.*
- *Contactless Machines are also available at the back of church.*
- *Or you can go straight to our*

Please stand to sing the offertory hymn.

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my
heart;
Naught be all else to me save that
thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and
by night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence
my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my
true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me,
Lord.
Thou my great Father, I thy dear
child;
Thou in me dwelling, with thee
reconciled.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword
for the fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my
delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my
high tow'r;
Raise thou me Heav'nward, O
Pow'r of my pow'r.**

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty
 praise;
 Thou mine inheritance, now and
 always.
 Thou and thou only, first in my
 heart,
 High King of Heaven, my treasure
 thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory
 won,
 May I reach Heaven's joys, O
 bright Heav'ns Sun!
 Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
 Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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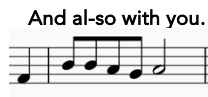
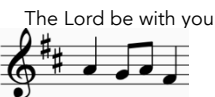
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 Mary E. Byrne (1905) and versified by Eleanor
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Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all
 creation. In your loving care you
 spread before us the table of life
 and give us the cup of salvation to
 drink. Keep us always in the fold
 of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The Eucharistic Prayer



Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.

The congregation is seated.

It is indeed right, our duty and
 our joy, always and
 everywhere to give you
 thanks, almighty 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.

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.

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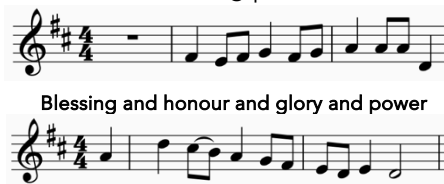
Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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:



Blessing and honour and glory and power

be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Silence is held.

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.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.**

The Communion

- *All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion.*
- *The sacrament is distributed from front and back of church. Please follow the sides-persons instructions.*
- *If you would like a blessing please bow your head to indicate this.*

Anthem sung by the choir

Lead me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Prayers after Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.
The children present their work.
Please stand for the final hymn.*

The king of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction, grace bestoweth:
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days

thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

*DOMINUS REGIT ME REH 573
H W Baker 1821-77
J B Dykes 1823-76*

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

May Christ, who out of defeat
brings new hope and a new
future, fill you with his new life;
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 peace to love and serve
the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **In the name of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

A voluntary may be played

*Please join us for refreshments in the
kitchen after the service.*