

**Hymn & Music**

**Mass Setting:**

Missa Brevis - Ives

**Entrance Hymn:**

117, *The Day of Resurrection!*

**Gradual Hymn:**

357, *Father hear the prayer we offer*

**Offertory Hymn:**

310, *We hail thy presence glorious*

**Anthem:**

*My beloved spake* - Hadley

**Final Hymn:**

408, *Love Divine, all loves excelling*

**Organ Voluntary:**

Ostern (Easter) Op.145 no.5 – Max Reger



*Vine Wallpaper Design, by William Morris, 1873*

The flowers and bubbly today are given by the Hutton-Mills family in celebration of Lucy Hutton-Mills' birthday.

**Collect**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

**First Reading: Acts 8.26-end**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded

the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22.25-end** *sung by the Choir*

*25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.*

*26 The poor shall eat, and be satisfied they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.*

*27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.*

*28 For the kingdom is the Lord's and he is the Governor among the people.*

*29 All such as be fat upon earth have eaten, and worshipped.*

*30 All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him and no man hath quickened his own soul.*

*31 My seed shall serve him they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.*

*32 They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.*

**Second Reading: I John 4.7-end**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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**Gospel: John 15.1-8**

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is

thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

### **Post 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  
**Amen.**

**The Annual Parish Church Meeting will take place shortly. Once you have you tea/coffee/bubbly please take a seat so the meeting can commence.**

### **INTERCESSIONS & SPECIAL INTENTIONS** *Read by William Leefe*

Parish cycle of intercessions: This week at the daily office and Eucharist the clergy will be praying for people on the congregational roll with surnames from **Stauss** to **Berke**.

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

#### **The sick and those who have asked for our prayers:**

The Revd Linda Dean, Cherry Elliott-Millar, Jean-Marc Salmon, Paul Hohn, Paula Bryan, Nick Sutherland, Harris Watts, Anne Ruscoe, Beryl Ray, Tim Coy, Donna Eade, Anna King, Ron Swan, Innocent Okorji, Mandy Taylor, Erroll Bateman, Eric Barendt, Jeni Riley and David Hedger.

#### **We hold in our prayers the recently departed & those whose anniversaries occur this week, especially Paul Johnson, Josh Scott and Liz Holmes:**

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| ❖ 28 <sup>th</sup> April | Bob Marshall                         |
| ❖ 29 <sup>th</sup> April | Martyn Sinnott                       |
| ❖ 30 <sup>th</sup> April | Edina Bernadini, Heather Bringstocke |

## **NOTICES**

**Paul Johnson**, who has worked dedicatedly in the sacristy for many years, died suddenly last week.

**Josh Scott**, son of Margaret Scott who was a member of our congregation for many years, died suddenly at home last week.

**Liz Holmes**, a former member of our congregation, died of lymphoma on 13<sup>th</sup> April.

**Pentecost Picnic, 19<sup>th</sup> May:** Join us for a parish picnic following the 10:30am service on Primrose Hill. Bring your picnic and maybe something to share. If the rain decides to join us, we'll have an indoor picnic inside the church. We look forward to seeing you there! And don't forget to wear red. Teddy bears welcome.

**Parish Magazine:** We are keen to restart the Parish Magazine, which has been in hibernation for a few years. We're hoping to do a pilot issue in June. If there is something you would like to contribute, please email it to the office, by 19<sup>th</sup> May, with the subject heading "Parish Magazine".

# SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEK

<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith, 1380
9:00am	Morning Prayer <i>in church &amp; on Zoom*</i>
5:00pm	Evening Prayer <i>in church &amp; on Zoom*</i>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator, 1922
9:00am	Morning Prayer <i>in church &amp; on Zoom*</i>
5:00pm	Evening Prayer <i>in church &amp; on Zoom*</i>
<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Philip and James, Apostles
5:00pm	Evening Prayer <i>in church &amp; on Zoom*</i>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Athanasius, bishop, teacher of the faith, 373
9:00am	Morning Prayer <i>in church &amp; on Zoom*</i>
10:30am	<b>Primrose Tearooms</b>
12noon	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>with healing ministry</i>
5:00pm	Evening Prayer <i>in church &amp; on Zoom*</i>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	
9:00am	Morning Prayer <i>in church &amp; on Zoom*</i>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	English saints and martyrs of the Reformation Era
	<i>No services today</i>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
10:30am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> and Sunday School, <i>in church and on YouTube.</i> <b>Preaching:</b> Fr. Phil Ritchie
<p><b>The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Primrose Hill</b> Elsworthy Road. London NW3 3DJ</p> <p>Usual Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am – 2pm</p>	<p><b>Parish Office</b> Tel: 020 7722 3238 Email: <a href="mailto:office@smvph.org.uk">office@smvph.org.uk</a> <b>Fr. Phil Ritchie</b> Tel: 07590 514884 Email: <a href="mailto:fr.phil@smvph.org.uk">fr.phil@smvph.org.uk</a> <b>Rev. Mark Wakefield</b> Tel: 07899 668493 Email: <a href="mailto:markwakefield56@gmail.com">markwakefield56@gmail.com</a> <b>Rev. Miriam Rinsler</b> Email: <a href="mailto:miriam.rinsler@smvph.org.uk">miriam.rinsler@smvph.org.uk</a> <b>Rev. Rupert Jones</b> Email: <a href="mailto:rupert.jones@smvph.org.uk">rupert.jones@smvph.org.uk</a></p>

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