

# St Mary's Primrose Hill

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**  
**28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**



*A Winged Dragon (detail). 1278-1300, artist unknown. The J. Paul Getty Museum*

**10:30am      Parish Eucharist**

Presiding: Fr. Phil Ritchie

Preaching: Canon Clem Hutton-Mills

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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 and make new friends.

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.

Children are welcome to join Sunday School after The Greeting. They will re-join the service at the Offertory Hymn.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Mass Setting:** Darke in A minor

*Please stand as the Choir and Clergy enter.*

**Entrance Hymn: 374** How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

### The Greeting

*The President 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 and briefly introduces the service. The children are invited to go the Sunday School in the St Mary's Centre, or their First Communion Class.*

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

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

### 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 sin 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**

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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 reading.*

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 18.15-20**

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a

prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.’

*The reader says*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm III** *sung by the Choir*

- 1 *I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.*
- 2 *The works of the Lord are great sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.*
- 3 *His work is worthy to be praised, and had in honour and his righteousness endureth for ever.*
- 4 *The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works that they ought to be had in remembrance.*
- 5 *He hath given meat unto them that fear him he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.*
- 6 *He hath shewed his people the power of his works that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.*
- 7 *The works of his hands are verity and judgement all his commandments are true.*
- 8 *They stand fast for ever and ever and are done in truth and equity.*
- 9 *He sent redemption unto his people he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.*
- 10 *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever.*

**Second Reading:** Revelation 12.1-5a *read by the Subdeacon*

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne;

*The reader says*

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**All Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn: 391** King of glory, King of peace

*Turn to face the procession as the Choir sings a greeting to the Gospel.*

**All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

**All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel: Mark 1.21-28**

*When the Gospel is announced*

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

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

*At the end of the Gospel the Deacon says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:** Canon Clem Hutton-Mills

*After a pause for reflection, we stand, as we feel able, to join in the words of the* **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 Thomas Kabir*

Merciful Father,

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

### **The Peace**

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

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: 324** Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

*During the singing of the hymn, a collection is taken and the elements are brought up to the altar.*

### **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.



Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*Remain standing while the Choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus in Latin or English:*

*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.*

*Remain standing, if you are able,, for the rest of the prayer.*

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 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*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All 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 the Blessed Virgin 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 for ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All     God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

## **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.**

## **Administration of Communion**

*Communion is taken standing up in two lines. After receiving the bread, please move to either side to receive the chalice if you wish to. (It would be helpful if you would take or guide the chalice with your hands.) **Please do not dip the host into the wine for safety reasons.** Alternatively, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing (please bring this leaflet with you as an indication you wish to receive a blessing). Then return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*During the distribution the Choir sings the Agnus Dei in Latin or English:*

*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, as you feel able.*

## **Post Communion**

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



**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 Notices.*

**Final Hymn: 466** Thou whose almighty word

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

**All     Amen.**

*The Deacon says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All     In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Organ Voluntary:** Electa ut sol from Cinq Invocations – Henri Dallier

*Please stay for refreshments and fellowship, speaking first of all to people you don't know well.*

<p><b>Worship has ended and now our service begins.</b></p>
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### **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 surnames from Stauss to Barker.

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).

## NOTICES

**8am Holy Communion:** During our interregnum, the Sunday 8am Eucharist was put on hold. But we are delighted that it has now been reintroduced. Join us on Sunday mornings at 8am for a short service in traditional language, with Holy Communion.

**Flowers** are a beautiful addition to our church and worship on a Sunday and during the week. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and creative Flower Team. If you would like to sponsor the flowers for a particular week (making an anniversary or remembering someone close to you) please contact the office.

**Sunday School:** We are looking for people who might be interested in occasionally helping with Sunday School during the 10:30 service. If you think you might be interested in leading, assisting, or want a bit more information, please speak to Phil or contact the office ([admin\\_assistant@smvph.org.uk](mailto:admin_assistant@smvph.org.uk)).

Sunday 25 February  
3.30-5.30pm  
Doors - 3pm

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Hot drinks and snacks will be available in the break.



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## SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEK

<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	
9:00am	Morning Prayer <i>on Zoom*</i>
5:00pm	Evening Prayer <i>on Zoom*</i>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Charles, king and martyr, 1649
9:00am	Morning Prayer <i>on Zoom*</i>
5:00pm	Evening Prayer <i>on Zoom*</i>
<b>Wed 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<i>John Bosco, priest, founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888</i>
9:00am	Morning Prayer <i>on Zoom*</i>
5:00pm	Evening Prayer <i>on Zoom*</i>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Brigid, abbess, c.525
9:00am	Morning Prayer <i>on Zoom*</i>
10:30am	<b>Primrose Tearooms</b> ( <i>also on Zoom*</i> )
12noon	<b>Holy Communion with healing ministry</b>
5:00pm	Evening Prayer <i>on Zoom*</i>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>
9:00am	Morning Prayer <i>on Zoom*</i>
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Anskar, archbishop, missionary, 865.
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Candlemas</b>
8:00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
10:30am	<b>Parish Eucharist with Children's Admission to Holy Communion</b> with Sunday School <i>in church and on YouTube</i>
	Preacher: Fr. Phil Ritchie
6:00pm	<b>Evensong</b>

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