

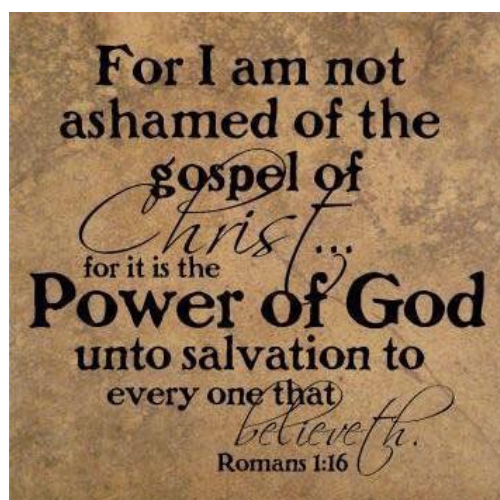
Parish of Sanderstead & Hamsey Green
All Saints Church, Sanderstead

Extending God's Welcome to All.

Committed to Grow – in Discipleship, Service and Numbers

PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 2nd May 2021,
Easter 5



A warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. In worship we celebrate the greatest moment in human history: the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

This service is being live-streamed and you are welcome wherever you are. Although we are physically separated, we are one in Christ Jesus our Living Lord. If you would like to join in the Holy Communion, do prepare a table with bread and wine, and light a candle in readiness.

Theme: Philip and the Ethiopian.

If this is your first time at Sanderstead, or you would like to know more about the Christian faith, please do contact either Canon

*Martin Greenfield or Revd Jeremy Groombridge via our website:
www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk We would love to hear from you.*

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

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

<i>HYMN</i>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dr78ff70XKQ>

MY JESUS, MY SAVIOUR,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days, I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down
and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.*

Darlene Zschech (b. 1965), Played by Chet Valley Churches

**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

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

'Gloria in Excelsis'

**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.**

**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

The Collect

**Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life.
Give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for you and for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 8:26-end

Philip and the Ethiopian

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of

my being baptized?" [37] 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

<i>HYMN</i>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8MrZj_mBx4

JESUS, WE ENTHRONE YOU,
we proclaim you our King.
Standing here in the midst of us,
we raise you up with our praise,
And as we worship build a throne
And as we worship build a throne
And as we worship build a throne
Come, Lord Jesus, and take your place.

Paul Kyle

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Vine and the Branches

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. **3** You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to

you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

<i>The Creed</i>

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

<i>The Prayers of Intercession</i>

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

We pray that our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection

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We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter

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We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter

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We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world

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We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying,
to comfort and strengthen them

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We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day

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We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection

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We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament



The priest greets the people in peace

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.

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

HYMN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CL1POv2eY04>

LORD, I COME TO YOU,

Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace that
I have found in You.
Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away,
By the power of Your love.

*Hold me close, let Your love surround me
Bring me near, draw me to Your side
And as I wait,
I'll rise up like an eagle
And I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love*

Lord, unveil my eyes,
Let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love
As You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind,
As Your will unfolds in my life,
In living every day
By the power of Your love.

Geoff Bullock

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest.
Make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer D)

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards the world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing
your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

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

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from
heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.
This is our song: Alleluia.

The crowds came out to see your Son yet at the end they turned on
him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your
people.

This is his story.
This is our song: Alleluia.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is his story.

This is our song: Alleluia.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is his story.

This is our song: Alleluia.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and
hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Let us pray

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**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 priest breaks the consecrated bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The Invitation

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

The Holy Communion is distributed.

Prayer 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 with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
now and for ever. 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**

Any notices and announcements.

Prayer of God's Blessing

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious
victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen
Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

<i>HYMN</i>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljlsOQ269I4>

IN CHRIST ALONE my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

[cont.]

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Stuart Townend, Chet Valley Churches song.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia, Christ is risen

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.