

# The Most Holy Trinity



## **Priest's Tidings**

*With the celebration of Eastertide brought to completion in the Solemnity of Pentecost, the Church now invites us, on this Sunday, once again within Ordinary Time, to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.*

*The Paschal Mystery of Christ, seen in the light of Pentecost, has allowed us to "know" the very heart of the God in whom we believe, in whom "we live and move and have our being." In this saving event, we have come to know what the one true God is like: full of mercy and tender goodness. Within the limits of what we are able to understand, the mystery of his substantial unity and his admirable Trinity has been revealed to us. God is one single being in three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This reality of God, already foreshadowed in the Old Testament, has been fully revealed to us in the New through the grace of the Paschal Mystery. Christ, the divine Word made flesh, has revealed the Father to us and has spoken to us of the Holy Spirit, whom he in turn promised to send: the Spirit of truth and sanctification. This is the God of Jesus Christ: the one and triune God, full of love, who "loved us so much" and who has done "great things" for us.*

*It is this God whom we praise and glorify with the full strength of our lives. The Holy Trinity is not merely a formula; it is the unfathomable mystery of the living God, who desires to dwell within our lives in order to fill them and transform them.*

**Fr Hugo**

**Entrance Hymn: 276 -Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!,**

**Collect:**

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.**Amen**

## **First Reading:**

### **Reading from the book of Exodus 34**

In those days: Moses rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth and worshipped. And he said, 'If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.'

**This is the word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**R./ To be praised and highly exalted for ever!**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestors.**R/**

Blessed is your glorious and holy name.**R/**

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory.**R/**

Blessed are you who look into the depths, seated upon the cherubim.**R/**

Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven.**R/**

## **Gospel Acclamation :**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
the God who is and who was and who is to come.

Alleluia.

## **Gospel Reading**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

***Praise to you, O Christ***

### **Prayers of Intercession**

**R/ Lord in your mercy , hear our prayer**

Holy God, we ask your blessing upon all who are baptised and confirmed in the faith, that they may witness to your presence and love, We pray for preachers and teachers, that they may seek to reveal the mystery of your being with us. Lord, guide the mission and outreach of your people. **R/**

Holy God, we give thanks for your whole creation. Guide and bless all who work in research and who seek to discover the mysteries of your world. We remember all scientists and explorers. We pray for all who are at school, college or university. We ask your blessing upon all who provide us with our daily needs. **R/**

Holy God, be among us in our homes and in our work. Surround our loved ones and ourselves with your love and protection. We ask your blessing upon all who are recently married and those who have a new child in their family. **R/**

Holy God, you are ever ready to help us. We ask your blessing upon all doctors, nurses and those caring for loved ones who are ill. We

remember all ill and suffering peoples, the poor and hungry of our world. We pray for all who feel they are without help or hope. **R/**

Heavenly Father, we lift before You our church St Matthew's Elephant and Castle. Lord Jesus, draw many to Yourself those who are searching, weary, and in need of hope. Add to Your church new people, new faith, and new life. Holy Spirit, unite us in genuine love and fellowship, that our life together may reflect Your light and draw others to You, just as in the days of the apostles. Open our eyes, Lord, to the needs of our community. Guide us to serve with wisdom and compassion, meeting real needs in ways that reveal Your love and bring people closer to You. Raise up labourers for Your harvest. Give each of us boldness and willingness to share the Gospel, and strengthen us to be faithful ambassadors of Christ in both word and action. Lord, fill this place with Your presence in worship, in prayer, and in healing so that all who come may truly encounter You. In Jesus Mighty Name, we pray, Amen. **R/**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

### **Offertory Hymn: 532 - All creatures of our God and King,**

### **Communion Hymn: - For the beauty of the earth,**

For the beauty of the earth,	Friends on earth and friends above,
For the glory of the skies,	For all gentle thoughts and mild:
For the love which from our birth	Refrain:
Over and around us lies,	Lord of all, to thee we raise
Refrain:	This our hymn of grateful praise.
Lord of all, to thee we raise	For thyself, best gift divine,
This our hymn of grateful praise.	to our world so freely given,
For the beauty of each hour	For that great, great love of thine,
Of the day and of the night,	Peace on earth and joy in heaven,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,	Refrain:
Sun and moon, and stars of light,	Lord of all, to thee we raise
For the joy of human Love,	This our hymn of grateful praise
Brother, sister, parent, child,	

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **Recessional 754 - O worship the King, all glorious above**

#### **Prayer and Meditation**

#### **Lectio:**

Lord Jesus, send us Your Spirit to help us understand Your Word and recognise Your presence in our lives, especially in moments of pain and difficulty. Guide us through Scripture, creation, and the people around us, especially those who suffer, so that we may experience the power of Your resurrection and share Your love, justice, peace, and hope with others. Amen.

#### **Meditatio:**

- a) What point did you like most or which one caught your attention the most?
- b) Looking closely at this very short text, what are the key words?
- c) What is the central experience of the evangelist and the communities, which is revealed in the text?
- d) What does the text tell us about God's love?
- e) What does the text tell us about Jesus?
- f) What does the text say about the world?
- g) What does the text reveal about myself?

**Oratio:**

"Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word, which has given us a clearer understanding of the Father's will. May your Spirit enlighten our actions and give us the strength to follow what your Word has revealed to us. Grant that we, like Mary, your Mother, may not only hear but also put your Word into practice. You who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

**Our next APCM meeting will be held on May 31st at  
11:00 AM at St. Matthew's.**

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QR code below.**



# What's happening in our Parish!

## Sunday

### **Mission WhatsApp Groups**

We have a series of WhatsApp groups with activities voted for by the congregation. Please have a look and see if you would like to join one: if you are already in one, please think of ways you can proactively help run the activity you have volunteered for.

### **Welcoming at our Eucharist**

Are you able to arrive at 9.15am to help welcome people into our church? If so, it would be lovely to have you join the welcoming team! Please chat to Cynthia so we can add you to the rota

### **Regular Giving**

Many thanks for your generous giving to the ministry of St Matthews' each week. If you have taken home a red envelope please fill out the form and return it so we can plan our future developments of St Matthew's



### **Youth Club**

Our Youth Club runs on Fridays from 5-7pm at Christ Church, 90 Brixton Road, SW9 6BE. All 14-18 year olds are welcome!

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