

Processional Hymn NEH 285 (omit * verses)

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

⁶Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." ⁷What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

⁹Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Psalm 45:1-7

Please respond with the words in Bold

¹My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

²**You are the most handsome of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.**

³Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your glory and majesty.

⁴**In your majesty ride on victoriously for the cause of truth and to defend the right: let your right hand teach you dread deeds.**

⁵Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under you.

⁶**Your throne, O God endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity; you love righteousness and hate wickedness**

⁷Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

Second Reading James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gradual Hymn NEH 338

The Gospel Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

⁷Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Anthem The Lord is my Shepherd
Howard Goodall

Offertory Hymn 408

Organ voluntary Fugue in G minor, BWV 542.
ii J.S. Bach

Notices

Today we welcome back our choir after their summer break.

Can anyone wishing to use the church please contact Fr. Grant. Thank you.

Minutes of the PCC

Copies of PCC minutes are available upon request. A copy of the most recent meeting is on the notice board in the entrance.

Deanery Visiting Speaker

Canon Andrew White, former vicar of Baghdad is coming to speak to the deanery at St. Mary's Sanderstead on the 2nd October at 8pm.

Andrew is president of the foundation for relief and reconciliation in the Middle East and is coming to share how as parishes we can participate in the 4th mark of mission:

“To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.”

He is a very engaging speaker and all are welcome.

New Team Member

I'm thrilled to share that from October Helga Zunde-Baker will be joining St Mary's as she begins her ordination training. She will be with us on Sundays and one evening a week for 3 years gaining practical experience while she trains at St. Augustine's College of Theology. Please make her feel welcome.

The Week Ahead

**Tuesday – Saturday 10am Morning Prayer
@ St. James**

**Monday – Thursday 6pm Evening Prayer
@ St. Mary's**

Thursday 10am Eucharist @ St Mary's

Next Sunday: 9th September

15th Sunday after Trinity

St Mary's Patronal

11am Parish Eucharist followed by a shared lunch

Looking ahead

11th September PCC 8pm

29th September Art Exhibition @ St James

7th October Harvest Festival

5th November Bonfire & Fireworks

8th December Christmas Tree Festival

13th December Saltmine Theatre Company

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St Mary's Sanderstead 2nd September 2018 14th Sunday after Trinity

We welcome you and hope you enjoy being with us. We follow a written Order of Service and will at various times tell you which page we are on and you are invited to respond to the words in **BOLD** print. We welcome children in church and there are toys and craft in the Family Room for them.

Please do not be anxious about your children making a noise or moving about.

Should you like details on how to join in with our Sunday school or any of our other services here at St Mary's please ask.

Today's Worship

8am Said Eucharist

9:45am Parish Eucharist with Baptism

President & Preacher: Fr. Grant Cohen - Vicar

We welcome especially the family and friends of Jude Correia who will be baptised today.

Collect (Special prayer of the day)

Almighty God,
whose Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

Amen

