



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

2 August 2020 TRINITY 8 Year A 20/31

Welcomers: Shirley Chinery, Hilary Roden
Reader: Jerome Kasella
Interceder: Ros Ford

MASSES EACH SUNDAY
8am: Said Mass
10am: PARISH MASS with Music

Collect: Father God, your Son Jesus overcame the fear in Peter his friend; give us the confidence to leave behind all that is old and stale and to reach out for the new things you are doing in our lives so that through us, the Good News may be heard in this our generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



75 YEARS ON On Saturday the world will be recalling the tragic dropping of an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima which led to the end of the second world war. Maria and I were able to visit the city two years ago, ringing the peace bell and wondering how this Trade Pavilion managed to survive when so much else was lost. As many people will tell you, Japan has a quite distinct culture, all its own. Despite the work of missionaries like St Francis Xavier who first visited Japan in 1549, Christianity is still very much a minority faith and the Anglican Church is tiny. So when the organist Yuki Ihara first came to St James' she came as an interested enquirer. Now she is baptised and is married to an Anglican priest, Fr Sebastian Naniwa, based in Ehime! Sebastian was the curate at Kobe Cathedral where Yuki was the organist. They are both keen to establish links with the UK and Sebastian is working hard at his English. They wrote recently to ask about the way the CofE celebrates Creation and I will be sending some ideas back. They also spoke of the devastating effects of Covid in Japan - and of the fact that even before the typhoon season it hasn't stopped raining for weeks! But right now we pray with them for peace, doing all we can to support Sebastian and Yuki and their small Church community.



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Fr STEPHEN TAYLOR I am enormously grateful to Fr Stephen for covering our services while Maria and I are away for a short break in France. He has been in isolation for much of the last four months and I am sure he will be delighted to catch up with members of the congregation. There will be two slight changes to the programme. The first is that for the next two weeks the 10am Mass will not be streamed. The second is that we are suspending the 6pm evening Mass. This may or may not return - or may morph into something monthly and/or different. One suggestion is that an occasional evening service could provide a mix of live music and intercessions for the parish. Please let us know what you would find helpful.

INTERNATIONAL LINKS You will have seen references to these on the back of the Weekly News for many months. They are the result of friendships that have emerged after visits to St James' from those living overseas. I have featured our Japanese link today; next week I will introduce you to Suzanne Smith and her family serving in the Diocese of Texas. Suzanne and Travis visited us last year and they greatly value their link with St James'/the Church in the UK. It is through relationships that we grow.

MERRY GO ROUND
is still very grateful for good quality children's clothes and books. Any offers of help readily received by Julia Maile at www.merrygoroundUK.org

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 2	<i>TRINITY 8</i>	Paige, Bella and Lola Flynn; Lisa and Sonny Follett
Mon 3	<i>DEL Wk 18</i>	Wendy Fisher Gordon; Maria Flavius
Tues 4	<i>St John Vianney</i>	Ros, Chris, Beatrix and Sebastian Ford
Wed 5	<i>St Oswald</i>	Nick, Felicity and Eleanor Fryer; Mark and Shireen Gilbert
Thurs 6	<i>TRANSFIGURATION</i>	Mostyn, Nieve and Ilaria Goodwin
Fri 7	<i>JM Neale</i>	Karenza and Amariah Greenaway; Lucy Hair and Sam Lewis
Sat 8	<i>St Dominic</i>	Jill Hetherington; Mark and Norah Hodge; Kris Hyde
Sun 9	<i>TRINITY 9</i>	Rebecca, Rob and Evelyn Holtom; Alastair Hume

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Many Happy Returns on Saturday to our Safeguarding Officer, Isabelle Sharples.
BANNS Between Jonathan Richard Peters and Susanna Mary Attwood, both single and of this parish, to be married at St John the Baptist, Broughton, Northants. This is for the third time of asking.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Warmest congratulations to Alex and Clare Suksiri whose 2nd wedding anniversary falls on Tuesday; and to Barry and Hayley Jenkins whose 10th is on Friday. Happy days all.

SICK Chou Seng Joo, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Klenan, Kingsley Lewis, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Rene, Vera Taggart.

IN HOSPITAL We pray for Revd Melanie Toogood (St James' Close) who is currently in St Pancras Hospital for rehabilitation.

ANNIVERSARIES 3rd: Joyce Watson (2014); 6th: Barbara Stanhope (1988); 7th: Hannah Denny (2015); 8th: Ruth Etchells (2012), Alfred Hills (2017).

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS In the US: Suzanne Smith, Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. Suzanne has just been instituted as Rector of the parish having been priest-in-charge. In Japan: Fr Sebastian and Yuki Naniwa, serving in a parish in Ehime near Hiroshima.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE We continue to pray for the urgent release of **Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe** after her appeal for clemency seems to have been rejected; for her husband Richard and their daughter Gabriella in London. Sadly we have still heard nothing about **Kylie Moore-Gilbert** (left), a British-Australian academic, who seems to have disappeared from view. We also pray for **Anoosheh Ashoori**, a businessman sentenced to ten years and for **Aras Amiri**, an Iranian employee of the British Council.



Currently suspended





A SERVICE OF THE WORD for Trinity 8 2020

as streamed from
St James' Church,
Prebend Street
London N1

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

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
And also with you.

The glory of the Lord has come upon us.
Let us sing of God's love, now and for ever.

This is the day which the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

Words of Preparation

Faithful God,
we set this hour apart for you.
Send us your Holy Spirit,
your wisdom and your joy,
so that even when time is short
we may rejoice in your never failing care
and daily glorify your holy name. **Amen.**

Confession

As we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and in sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

God of mercy,
your love for us is strong,
but our zeal for you is weak.
You care for all that you have made
but we ignore your call to love you
and to serve each other.
We are truly sorry for all our sins
and ask for your forgiveness and grace.
Help us to please you
by the way we live,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins and assure us of his eternal love. **Amen.**

Stand

Come, let us go to the mountain of God,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that God may teach us his ways,
and that we may walk in his paths.

For the law shall go out from Zion,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
God shall judge between nations,
and shall mediate between many peoples.

They shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall there be war any more.

A Song of Peace

*Open thou the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream shall flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.*

(Words: William Williams trans. Peter Williams)

A short time of silence follows as we reflect on all we have heard.

Let us stand and welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

We say together:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

(St Matthew 14: 13-21) Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Sit

The Word of God

1st Reading: (Isaiah 55: 1-5) Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: (for reflection not singing!) AM652 Guide me [t Cwm Rhondda]

*Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of Heaven,
feed me now and evermore.*

Sit

Sermon

Stand

The Affirmation of Faith

Sit or kneel

Eucharistic Prayer H

**We believe in God the Father; the almighty
who is, and was, and is to come.
We believe in Jesus Christ; the faithful witness,
the first-born from the dead,
the King of Kings who loves us
and has freed us from our sins by his blood.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of many gifts,
sent from the throne on high.
We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Sit

Prayers of Intercession

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

Stand

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Remain standing

At the Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my friends, that our thanksgiving may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept this sacrifice from our hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

God our sustainer, accept all we offer you this day, and feed us continually
with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
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.

It is right to praise you, Father,
Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

[Pause]
**Father, we do this is remembrance of him:
His body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

[Pause]
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
His blood is shed for all.**

Send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us
the Body and Blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join
the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Sit

After Communion

Jesus said, I am the bread of life. All who come to me will not go away hungry, and no one who believes in me will thirst.

God of grace, we have shared in the mystery of the body and blood of Christ. May we who have tasted the bread of life live with you for ever. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Community Notices

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share the one bread.**

Fraction

Stand

Blessing

Go forward into the world in peace;
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak;
help the afflicted, honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit:
And may the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.**

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**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.
Grant is peace.**

Agnus Dei

Invitation

Come and kneel at the altar of God, not because you are strong but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you the right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come, because he loves you and gave himself for you.

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Dismissal

Final Hymn: (for reflection not singing!) **AM448 I come with joy** [t St Botolph]

*I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near,
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.*

*Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.*

(Words: Brian Wren)



May God bless
every £1 we give
so that St James'
will be here, not
just for today and
for tomorrow, but
for the future he
wants to create.

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