



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

9 August 2020 TRINITY 9 Year A 20/32

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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.

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



A CHANCE VISIT In the summer of 2018, Travis and Suzanne Smith, serving in the Diocese of Texas, decided to take a couple of weeks away in the UK before Suzanne was ordained deacon. Fans of Arsenal, their tour of Highbury concluded with an attempt to find a Church open for Evening Prayer and so it was that they ended up at St James' one Thursday evening. And then just before Christmas came a card to say that Suzanne was being fast-tracked and would be ordained priest on January 13th 2019. The card asked us to pray for her at the start of her new ministry.

As the top picture shows, I did rather more than that, flying into Houston for the ordination at Grace Church in Alvin. It was a great week away and I got to know not just Suzanne but also Travis and their three sons, Luke, Noah and Andrew.

We know all too little about our American cousins or, I suspect, about the Episcopal Church in general. It does feel very different from the Church of England and while its policies over same-sex relationships have hit the headlines, the general feel is rather conservative, middle of the road and comfortable. Theologically Travis and Suzanne are also interesting as they were actually raised as Southern Baptists and are the only clergy couple in the Diocese of Texas to be leading two separate Church congregations. We hope to go on learning about and from the Smiths - enjoying a friendship that started by sheer chance!

INTERNATIONAL LINKS at St James' are nothing new. Fr Stephen served with USPG in Brazil and in the West Indies for much of his ministry. We have kept a link with St Peter's Mission in Bonda, Zimbabwe (not least through our annual Smartie Appeal) as a result of the work done in that part of Africa by Jill Hetherington. I still get regular updates from the Diocese of Guyana in South America as a result of the many years of service there by Fr Jack Holden, priest in charge at St James' in the late 1980s. So our more recent links - in Japan and in Texas - fit into a pattern of concern for the wider world, expressed in our prayers for political prisoners like Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe and her colleagues in Iran and in our prayers for our former congregational members now abroad: James and Meghan Gill in New York, Flavia Rodriguez-Kasper in Zurich and Sophie Clerget-Boissell and You-Kyung Ju in Paris! The Church is truly universal.

THANKS TO Susan and Eric Sorensen and to Linda Dyche for working on the Hall curtains which needed loads of adjustments when they came back from the company who made them up for us.

GDPR is the short-hand term for the request by Adam on behalf of the PCC for permission to keep your name on the Church database so that we can send out e-newsletters and various other emails and bits of paper. We know it is tiresome but we have to comply with the law and your response would be much appreciated. Alongside that is the request for photographs so that we can re-establish the photo montage on the back noticeboards which are so appreciated. Jpegs to me asap please.



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 9 TRINITY 9 Rebecca, Rob and Evelyn Holtom; Alastair Hume
 Mon 10 DEL Wk 19 Matt, Nicole and Eve Jean-Baptiste
 Tues 11 St Clare of Assisi Barry, Hayley, Theo and Freddie Jenkins
 Wed 12 Feria Alexandra Jones; Grace and Elrose Joseph; Miranda Jules
 Thurs 13 Florence Nightingale Eva, Roy, Jerome and Zuri Kasella
 Fri 14 Maximilian Kolbe Charlotte, Josh and Olivia Kennedy; Philip Kingston
 Sat 15 Of Our Lady Kingsley Lewis, Pauline McGovern; Beryl Lloyd
 Sun 16 TRINITY 10 Kurt, Julia and Florence Maile; McBrien families

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Many Happy Returns across the pond today to James Gill; on Monday to Maxwell Sharples who will be 6 and on Thursday to Nick Sharples.

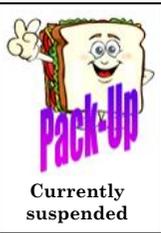
SICK Chou Seng Joo, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Klenan, Kingsley Lewis, Laura Roden, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Rene, Vera Taggart.

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

ANNIVERSARIES Today: Carol Woodcock (2011); 11th: Barbara Davis (2012); 13th: Margery Aggett (2001); 14th John Garnett (1997).

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS In the US: Suzanne Smith, Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. Suzanne's husband is Rector of Holy Comforter in Angleton, 14 miles up the road. 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.



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PARISH MASS FOR TRINITY 9

The Greeting

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

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

Te Deum

**We praise you, O God,
we know you to be the Lord.
All creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.**

PARISH MASS for Trinity 9 2020

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

**The glorious company of the apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of the prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world your holy Church praises you.**

**You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbled yourself to be born of a woman.**

**Your death has liberated us from death:
you have opened the Kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Now you are seated at the right hand of God in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.**

**Come, then, Lord and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with all your saints
to glory everlasting.**

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.**

Sit

The Word of God

1st Reading: (1 Kings 9: 9-18) At that place Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: (for reflection not singing!) **AM629 Father, hear** [t Marching]

*Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.*

*Not for ever in green pastures
so we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.*

*Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.*

*Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.* (Words: Love Maria Willis)

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. My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.
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: 22-33) Immediately Jesus he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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

Sit **Sermon**

Stand **The Affirmation of Faith**

**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.**

Father, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we
may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sit or kneel **Eucharistic Prayer H**

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 in 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.**

Lord's Prayer

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.**

Fraction

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.**

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

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Have mercy on us.**

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

Invitation

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of Our Lord Jesus Christ which he
gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your
heart by faith with thanksgiving; for this is the lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Sit

After Communion

The bread I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world, says the Lord.

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted
in this Eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name
of Jesus Christ the 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

Stand

Blessing

May Christ's holy, healing and enabling Spirit be with you and guide you on
your way at every change and turn; and may the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you, now and for ever.
Amen.

Dismissal

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

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)

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