



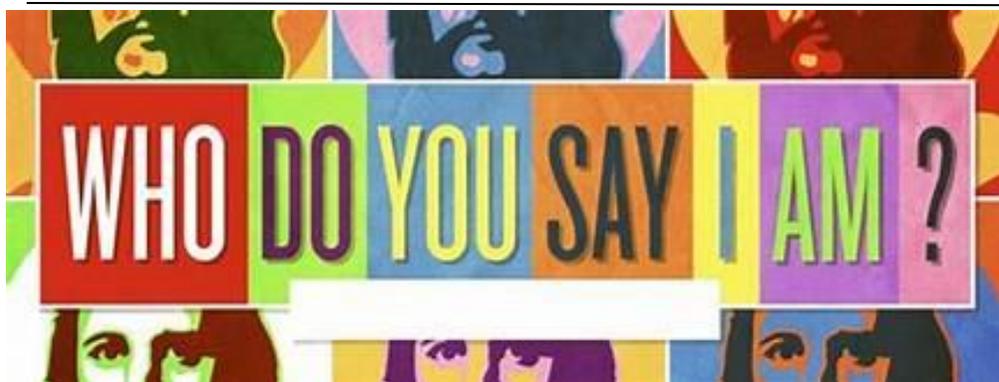
ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

23 August 2020 TRINITY 11 Year A 20/34

Welcomers: Norah and Mark Hodge
Reader: Chris Wright
Interceder: Isabel Nisbet

Collect: **God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have for the pearl of great price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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



THESE WORDS OF JESUS have been at the heart of every Christian life for 2000 years. But the answers that experts and beginners alike have come up with have not always been the same! The history of the Church is littered with attempts to find the exact right definition, one that is true to the Bible and also true to people's lived experience. But never mind everyone else for a moment: how would you answer that question? What would you say if you were suddenly put on the spot by someone demanding a smart and believable answer... ?

JOSEPH AMMOUN These are not hypothetical questions and they are particularly important to those studying for the priesthood. For two years Joe Ammoun has been taking time out of his studies at Oak Hill Theological College to talk over the way parishes like ours are trying to help people grow in faith. His reason for coming to St James' is to widen his outlook as his background is conservative evangelical although his family were part of an Anglo-Catholic community when he was much younger. He will spend the whole of this Wednesday in the parish and this question of 'who Jesus is' will be tested in lots of different contexts. After Morning Prayer at 9am we will be going across to the ARC in St Paul Street to see how the summer Playscheme is going and talking to Damien the Manager about how St James' can help their new Food Bank. After a session on why we have parishes and how ours operates today we will meet a family to talk about baptism for their new child. Our second discussion will be about how parish life will need to adapt in the future to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Finally at 6pm we will be FaceTiming Grace Church in Alvin, Texas and sharing 'Midday Prayer' with Suzanne Smith and their congregation; they are, of course six hours behind us! Please pray for Joe as he wrestles not just with Jesus' big question but with all he faces as he prepares to be a priest in today's changing Church.

St James' Islington: discovering how to live like Jesus in the 21st century

NEW FIRST COMMUNION COURSE We already have five young people lined up for the FC course beginning on Tuesday 15th September. This five week course remains central to our policy of inclusivity and will be the third such programme during 2019/20. As we keep saying, belonging to the Church is every bit as important as working out the details of what we believe which is, after all, a life long journey.

INTERNATIONAL AID Attention to the coronavirus pandemic has, perhaps inevitably, led to the spotlight slipping from the level of aid we give to the poorest nations on earth. The merger of the Department for International Development (Dfid) with the Foreign Office changes the focus from being a humanitarian organisation to one principally concerned with trade and foreign policy. No wonder that the overall sums we spend may well be cut by up to £2.9billion. Schemes in places like Haiti, South Sudan and Bangladesh will be hugely affected.

SUNDAY LINK Before Covid-19 the Weekly News was printed on to a coloured sheet published by the Redemptorists. It usually had three articles in it plus a couple of prayers. Now that we are revamping our services sheets we have been able to include the Weekly News into the regular pew sheet. Before we unsubscribe I just wanted to ask if anyone would actually miss the Sunday Link?

WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS to Sophie Taylor who got a string of excellent A level grades and a place at Nottingham to read Astronomy and Physics. Any more exam successes to celebrate?

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes
Sun 23 TRINITY 11 Sam, Joe, Charlie and Isla Seabrook
Mon 24 DEL Wk 21 Nick, Isabelle, Maxwell and Leon Sharples
Tues 25 Feria Susan and Eric Sorensen; Claire, Alex, Kaitlin and Oliver Suksiri
Wed 26 Feria Vera Taggart; Fr Stephen Taylor; Ken and Margaret Thompson
Thurs 27 St Monica Sergio Villicana and Cecilia Son-Vicente; Fr Victor de Waal
Fri 28 St Augustine of Hippo Belle Williams, Tom, Poppy, Pearl, Bow Wheatley
Sat 29 Beheading of John the Baptist Tim Willis, Chris Wright
Sun 30 TRINITY 12 Brian, Oscar and Kate Yeats

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Many Happy Returns on Monday to Gloria Falcioni who will be 4; to Jack Carter on Tuesday who will be 11; to Josh Campbell on Thursday who will be 15 - and to Travis Smith in Angleton, Texas, whose special day is on Saturday.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Congratulations to Chris and Chrissie Wright who were married in St James' on 27th August 1966.

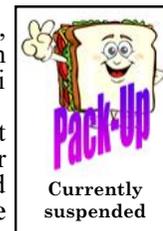
SICK Christopher Browne, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Klenan, Kingsley Lewis, Laura Roden, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Rene, Vera Taggart.

IN HOSPITAL We pray for Revd Melanie Toogood (St James' Close) who is currently resident in the Mildmay undergoing rehabilitation.

ANNIVERSARIES 25th: Marian Remi Davis (2015); 26th: David Parker; 28th: Grace Clark (2003).

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. The news about **Kylie Moore-Gilbert** (left) is not good. She has recently been sent to the notorious Qarchak prison, deep in the Iranian desert with no clean running water, where food is regularly drugged and prisoners are subject to beatings from warders and detainees alike. She has not had regular contact with her family and she admits to being 'in a very bad place', sleeping on the floor with not enough money to buy essentials. She has been held since September 2018.



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PARISH MASS
for Trinity 11 2020

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

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

Jubilate

**O be joyful in the Lord al the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know that the Lord is God;
it is he who has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.**

**For the Lord is gracious;
his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures
from generation to generation.**

Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sit

The Word of God

1st Reading: (Jeremiah 29: 11-14) For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: (for reflection not singing!) L866 I will be with you

The image shows four staves of musical notation for a hymn. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "I will be with you _____ wher - ev - er you go. _____". The second staff continues: "Go now through-out the world! _____". The third staff continues: "I will be with you _____ in all that you say. _____". The fourth staff concludes: "Go now and spread my word! _____".

Chorus

**I will be with you wherever you go.
Go now throughout the world!
I will be with you in all that you say.
Go now and spread my word!**

**Come, walk with me on stormy waters.
Why fear? Reach out and I'll be there. I will be...**

**And you, my friend, will you now leave me,
or do you know me as your Lord? I will be...**

**Your life will be transformed with power
By living truly in my name. I will be...**

**And if you say: 'Yes Lord, I love you,'
then feed my lambs and feed my sheep. I will be...**

(Words: Gerald Markland)

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. You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. 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 16: 13-20) Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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.**

God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us your gift of faith. 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.

Father, all powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

Because in the power of the Holy Spirit
you give us everything we need to follow you -
the gifts of prophecy, spiritual discernment and leadership,
of generosity, compassion and the ability to proclaim Jesus as Lord.

We thank you that you have entrusted your Church
with power from on high
to offer forgiveness to all who call on your name,
that each of us we might be delivered
from the power of sin and death.

For 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.**

Agnus Dei

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

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.
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

Lord, the earth is filled with your gifts from heaven; bread from the earth
and wine to cheer our hearts.

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct
us that we may please you in all things, for the sake 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

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!) AM712 Lord Jesus Christ [t Living Lord]

*Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
you are one with us, Mary's Son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing, living Lord.*

**Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day,
teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through, living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,
live my life for you, Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through, living Lord.** (Words: Patrick Appleford)

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