



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

30 August 2020 TRINITY 12 Year A 20/35

Welcomers: Hilary Roden and Isabel Nisbet
 Reader: Shirley Chinery
 Interceder: Kerry Sabine

Collect: God of mercy, you sent your Son to save us from all that is evil. Increase your grace within us and give us thankful hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Ed Carrette and Mother Suzanne Smith at Grace Church in Alvin Texas; Fr John and Joe Ammoun in Islington, London for zoomed Midday Prayers, Wednesday 26th August!



THE WONDERS OF TECHNOLOGY (1) As noted in the Weekly News last week, Joe Ammoun from Oak Hill Theological College spent a full day in the parish as part of a 'getting to know the Church' seminar day. After Morning Prayer we spent an hour at the ARC in St Peter Street looking at the organisation of the St Peter's Ward playscheme and talking to Damien and his colleague Sophia about greater collaboration in support of their burgeoning Food Bank. In two major discussions we talked about what makes a Parish Church today and, after pizza, how that is likely to change in the future. It was also great to welcome Amy and Scott as they talked over the possibility of baptism for Callum despite the restrictions of the pandemic and later on we talked to Ava and Lucy Wilson about one of the biggest questions for Christians: why Jesus had to die on the Cross. Finally Joe and I joined - via Zoom - Suzanne Smith at Grace Church, Alvin, Texas for Midday Prayer (at 6pm here, see above). They asked for prayers as they prepared for Hurricane Laura but fortunately the storm made landfall to the east of them and all was well.

THE WONDERS OF TECHNOLOGY (2) Over the last few weeks we have been delighted to have seen very much more of Jay Wilson, his wife Lucy and their three

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children Ava, Ivy and Bella. We are looking forward to the three girls being baptised on October 18th as part of the great First Communion celebration that includes Ava, Matilda and Barnaby Powell, Amariah Greenaway and Tayah Phillips! But the great answer to prayer is Jay's offer to help with parish Building and Maintenance. This is quite a substantial role as we try to keep our Church and Hall in tip top condition. But there is another dimension to all of this: if and when the Organ Project is given the green light, the Organ loft has to be stripped out and rebuilt, with new electrics and a new floor in the base of the organ space to create a new room for desperately needed storage. For all that we will now have a real 'in-house' expert to help supervise it all. This could not be more timely or more welcome! God is good!

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? Please let us know.

THE COUNT Many of you will already have seen the September edition of the Arena newsletter giving a hint of the plans for the coming months. One of these events is the long postponed Annual General Meeting which is now planned for Sunday October 25th. As usual all new members are invited to join the SJI 'Electoral Roll' which goes up on the board today.

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 30	TRINITY 12	Brian, Oscar and Kate Yeats
Mon 31	DEL Wk 22	Jay, Lucy, Ava, Ivy and Bella Wilson
Tues 1	Feria	Shannon Adam, Arabella and Rocco McDonald
Wed 2	Martyrs of New Guinea	Lisa, Darren, Max and Oscar Ahmet-Baker
Thurs 3	St Gregory the Great Monica	Louise Ahmet, Vinney and Benji Payne
Fri 4	Feria	Martin, Kerri, Rebecca and Joseph Allen; Beatrice Awoonor-Renner
Sat 5	Feria	Vicky Bellamy, Archie, Holy and Josh Campbell
Sun 6	TRINITY 13	Albert and Annie Bryan; the Vicarage family

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Many Happy Returns today to Paige Flynn; on Wednesday to Dionne Carter; and on Friday to Jill Hetherington across in Chiswick who will be magnificent 88. Happy days all.

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 30th: Lilian Ladele (2015); 5th: Bob Mansell.

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** from custody in Iran. After last week's Panorama programme it seems certain that her detention is linked to the unpaid debt over tanks bought by, but not delivered to, the Iranians back in the 1970s. We pray for her husband Richard and their daughter Gabriella in London, now 6. The news about **Kylie Moore-Gilbert** (left) is even more difficult. 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 12 2020

as streamed from
St James' Church,
Islington, N1

PARISH MASS FOR TRINITY 12

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

**Lord, your patient love never fails us even when our zeal
outstrips our understanding. Give us a bold and faithful spirit
so that in your strength we may be unafraid to speak your
word and to follow where you lead. We make our prayer
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sit

The Word of God

1st Reading: (Romans 12: 9-end) Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be generous in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be conceited, but associate with the lowly; and do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. And if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. Do not be overtaken by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Gradual Hymn: (for reflection not singing!) **AM604 Brother, sister** [t Servant Song]

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

(Words: Richard Gillard)

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. Anyone who wishes to be a follower of mine must
renounce self, take up their cross and follow me. 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: 21-end) From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Address

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.

Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. 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.

In your great love you brought your only Son
through suffering to resurrection
and through obedience to glory.

Build your Church by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that when temptation leads us away from suffering
and pride prevents us from understanding
that we must lose our lives to keep it,
may your love make us patient
and teach us to persevere in prayer
and rejoice in hope.

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]

Agnus Dei

**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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**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

O Lord, how great is the depth of the kindness which you have shown to
those who love you.

Post Communion:

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your
holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. 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

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!) **AM766 Praise, my soul**

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

(Words: Henry Francis Lyte)

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