



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF
13 September 2020 TRINITY 14 Year A 20/37

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 Reader: Susan Sorensen and Ros Ford
 Interceder: As arranged

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

Collect: Patient God, you are slow to anger and rich in compassion: take from us all our bitter thoughts and resentments, that we may learn to forgive because we have also been forgiven. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



CAN WE ALWAYS FORGIVE? As I write, news has just emerged from Iran that Nazanin Zaghari Radcliffe is being put on trial again. Caught up in a dispute not of her making, it isn't surprising that Richard her husband asks, 'just how much can one person take?' In an article on bio-ethics, Paul Valley raises the difficulties of finding an anti-Covid vaccine that hasn't been developed through the use of cells taken from aborted foetuses. In my prayers currently is the pain I hear from a couple whose 16 year old marriage is slowly deteriorating to the point of no return. Is it any wonder that the Church Times' lead article is headed 'Time of Trauma'.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks Peter directly, how many times

can he forgive someone who has done something against him? Peter sounds quite reasonable when he answers with the perfect number: 'seven'. But it isn't enough. The parable that follows is familiar too and shows up the hypocrisy of someone who begs to be forgiven a debt - but who then treats someone who owes him far less with neither patience nor mercy. But all the time, in the back of our minds is the question: are there things that we could never forgive? Ever? Because we are tested every time we see the parents of a child stabbed to death on our London streets who, when interviewed, say that they forgive their child's killers. Would we be able to say the same? Do we harbour hard hearts for people who have hurt us in the past? What is about those mothers that gives them the ability to forgive the most heinous crimes when we cannot overlook quite trivial offences?

WEEKDAY MASSES At last I am delighted that can reinstate our two mid-week Masses. On Tuesdays the Mass is at 9am and on Wednesdays at 10am. They last just half an hour and are open to all.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION starts again this coming Tuesday for five of your young people, three of whom will also look forward to being baptised!

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MUSIC FOR THE ARC Epiphoni Consort
 (Director: Tim Reader)

ST JAMES' CHURCH, PREBEND STREET
 SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27th AT 6pm
 FREE ADMISSION
 All donations will be given to the ARC FOOD BANK, St Peter Street

Due to COVID restrictions tickets must be booked in advance from St James' Vicarage, 1a Arlington Square, N1 7DS
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EPIPHONI, one of the very best choral groups in London, are performing here at St James' at 6pm on Sunday 27th September. For obvious reasons numbers are limited but reservations can now be made via the Vicarage.

THE PCC met on Monday evening via Zoom and after some technical difficulties we whipped through an agenda of important 'little bits and pieces'. Trying not to sob over the drop in letting income (!), we were grateful that our regular stewardship giving has held up during the lock-down, looked at risk assessments for hirers, talked about early plans for a new Zoom Bible study group, began to think about what to do at Harvest and over Christmas (will we have a Carol Service for example?), welcomed help with Building and Maintenance and got a feel for the ancillary building costs associated with the Organ Project. Zoom is never quite the same as meeting so the AGM on Sunday October 25th will be live and in Church - Deo Volente: God willing!

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 13 TRINITY 14	Amy Eldon-Richier, Scott, Freddie and Callum Kinch
Mon 14 DEL Wk 24	Luigi, Jane, Luca, Francesca, Matteo and Gloria Falconi
Tues 15 St Cyprian	Will Ellsworth-Jones; Weimi and Ethan Faloppa
Wed 16 Edward Pusey	Paige and Bella Flynn; Lisa and Sonny Follett
Thurs 17 St Hildegard	Wendy Fisher-Gordon; Ross, Chris, Bea and Sebastian Ford
Fri 18 Feria	Maria Flavius; Nick, Felicity and Eleanor Fryer
Sat 19 Feria	Mark and Shireen Gilbert; Mostyn, Nieve and Ilaria Goodwin
Sun 20 TRINITY 15	Karensa and Amariah Greenaway; Lucy Haire and Sam Lewis

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy Returns today to Norah Hodge our chief flower arranger, currently away on holiday; to Ken Thompson who will be a splendid 83 on Wednesday, a day he shares with newly retired Shirley Chinery; on Thursday to Kerri Allen our Communications Officer and to Charlie Seabrook who will be 11; on Friday to Assistant Treasurer Alastair Hume and on Saturday to our Electoral Roll Officer Vera Taggart. What a brilliant cross section of our parish community!
- WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES** On Thursday we send warmest congratulations to Matt and Nicole Jean-Baptiste, celebrating their 5th (wooden) anniversary; and on Saturday to Sid and Rosemary Ross who have been married for 61 years! Ad multos annos.
- 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** 14th: Tom Burgess.
- INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS** In the US: Suzanne Smith, Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. Suzanne's husband Travis 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 LATEST Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe is back in court today facing new charges having completed four out of five years of her original sentence. She is not even sure UK lawyers will be allowed in. The news about **Kylie Moore-Gilbert** (left) is equally 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. Unable to be in regular contact with her family Kylie 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.





Each Monday at 12.30pm.



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 always with you.
And also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

Words of Preparation

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. 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.

Creator of life and love,
you have given us a world of richness and diversity to enjoy.
Yet we have allowed ourselves to be divided
by prejudice, jealousy and mistrust.
We have become insular and distant to one another
and deaf to your appeals that we be one.
We have sinned against you.
Lord have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Even though we feel angry and ashamed,
we have failed to speak out for social justice and racial justice.
We have ignored the needs of those around us
leaving the vulnerable without an advocate
and the neglected without a friend.
We have sinned against you.
Christ have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We stand before you - male and female, black and white, young and old. Each
of us has fallen short of our calling to love
and every one of us has put their own interests
before the needs of those around us.



PARISH MASS
for Trinity 14 2020

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

We have sinned against you.
Lord have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all those who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins for the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Patient God, you are slow to anger and rich in compassion: take from us all our bitter thoughts and resentments, that we may learn to forgive because we have also been forgiven. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sit

The Word of God

1st Reading: (Genesis 50: 15-21) Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

We stay sitting for the Chant: **AM835 Goodness is stronger**

Sung twice

Good-ness is strong-er than e - - vil; love is strong-er than

hate; light is strong-er than dark - ness; life is strong-er than

death. Vic-tory is ours, vic-tory is ours through him who
Oh, vic-tory is ours, vic-tory is ours

loved us. Vic-tory is us.
through him who loved us. Oh, us.

(Words: Archbishop Desmond Tutu; Music John Bell)

2nd Reading: (Romans 14: 1-12) Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

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. I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. 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 18: 21-35) Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another person sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt.

So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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

Sit

Sermon

Stand

The Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; though him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Intercessions

At the end:

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

Stand

The Peace

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil. As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn (for reflection not singing!) **TP23 Though I speak the tongues**

*Though I speak the tongues of angels,
though I speak the tongues of men,
if I give away my fortune
or by faith could move the hills;
but if it is not yet possible
to do it all with love,
none of this is any good at all.
Faith, hope and love,
God's gifts to all his people.
Faith, hope and love,
but best of all is love.*

*Love is patient, love is kind,
love will pardon and excuse.
Love is never rude or selfish
but delights in what is right.
There are things that we have come to trust
that must come to an end.
Only love will finally endure. Faith, hope...*

*As a youth I had no wisdom
I would talk of childish things.
I still look into a mirror
and find only half the truth.
Though I faintly sense the future
and what I should really see,
one day I shall come to understand. Faith, hope... (Words: 1 Corinthians 13/JB)*

Remain sitting

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.**

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at
this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name
of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Remain standing

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

For by the power of your Holy Spirit you sent your Son
to show us a new way calling your Church to be
a place of love, forgiveness and hope.

Draw us unto your kingdom of freedom,
that we may embrace your compassion,
set aside our judgemental attitudes
and embody the forgiveness you make possible in Christ
so that we share with others the grace we have ourselves received.
And so with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
we join the unending hymn of praise:

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

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Sit or kneel

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Lord's Prayer

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice
made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

We bring before you this bread and this cup
and thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Mary the Mother God,
St James, St Peter and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through him from whom all good things come,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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 sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Invitation

Draw near with faith: receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which was broken for you, and his blood which was shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you
and feed on him in your hearts 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

After Communion the Second Sunday Choir sings: *I am the bread of life*

*I am the Bread of Life,
he who comes to me will not hunger;
and he who believes in me shall never thirst.*

*I have come down from heav'n not to do my own will
but the will of him who sent me.*

(Words: St John 6: 35 Music: Simon Lole)

Communion Antiphon:

The cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of the Lord.

Post Communion:

God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. 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

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 us, now and for ever. Amen.

Dismissal

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

Final Hymn (for reflection not singing!) **AM635 For the healing** [t Alleluia Dulce Carmen]

**For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of your gifts both great and small.
To a life of love in action
help us rise, forgiving all.**

**Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.**

(Words: Fred Kaan, adapted)



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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