

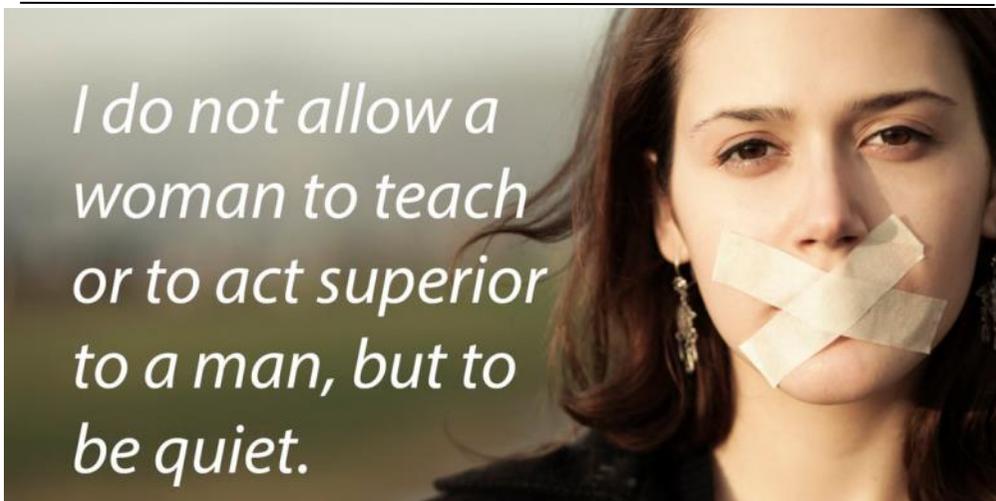


**ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF**  
**27 September 2020 TRINITY 16 Year A 20/39**

Welcomers: Maria Flavius and Hilary Roden  
 Readers: Ken Thompson and Norah Hodge  
 Interceder: Isabel Nisbet

Collect: **God our Saviour, stand by us on the day of judgement and teach us to live each day as in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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



**CREATION SEASON 2:** Last Sunday we looked at the natural world and the challenges of global warming etc., asking the question: but what has this got to do with me? In this second week of the Creation season, as we look at gender and at relationships between men and women, we can't escape being affected. And yet the Biblical texts such as the one above are deeply problematical. So how can we try to balance all the stories and pieces of teaching and come away with a wholistic - and sensible - understanding of gender difference and gender inter-relatedness? Because if this text from 2 Timothy 2 makes you angry, it is as nothing compared with the tone of some of the attitudes and arguments that I discovered in preparing for today! Headship in the Church remains a very live debate - even among those whom we like and otherwise generally respect. If the Christian life is about mutual flourishing then we have to explore the mind of the Creator on this most fundamental of issues.

**2020 HARVEST 'FIVE (POUNDS) A DAY' APPEAL**

We are very familiar with the '5-a-day' rule for healthy eating. As usual at Harvest, we are hoping to send money to help the AIDS orphans in Bonda, Zimbabwe to eat healthily too. Could you tuck a £5 note (or more if you can) into one of the Harvest envelopes so that they can enjoy what we so easily take for granted? For one of those children could you give a '£5 a day' please?



**JILL HETHERINGTON** It is with much sadness that we record the death of Jill Hetherington last Wednesday morning. Jill had recently fallen and fractured her hip. Fortunately she was at St Mary's Care Home in Chiswick and not in hospital. Plans are being made for a celebration of her life, but not until mid October. **'FIVE A DAY'** Next Sunday is Harvest and even though it will have to be a low key affair because of social distancing, I am delighted that our First Communicant candidates will be leading our thinking and our prayers. Alongside that we are also encouraging the congregation to set aside £5 (or more if they can) so that we can support the AIDS orphans in Zimbabwe. Envelopes are available at the back of Church. Of course it was Jill who developed the link between

St James' and St Peter's Home in Bonda, having served in Rhodesia as it was then, for many years as a missionary sister. This will make our Bonda appeal this year even more poignant.

**KINGSLEY LEWIS** I am sure that everyone will be sorry to hear that Kingsley has spent much of this week in the UCH, reacting rather badly to some of the procedures he has had to endure. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

**THIS WEEK**

- Sun 27 *TRINITY 16* Masses at 8am and 10am. 6pm Epiphoni perform at St James'
- Mon 12.30pm Pack-Up in the Church Hall. 1-5pm Recording in Church, Vivian Tang.
- Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 4.30pm First Communion preparation in Church. 'The life of Jesus, in pictures'
- Wed 10am Mass. 6.30-9.30pm *Pagliacci Opera rehearsals*
- Thurs 10.30-5.30pm, 6.30-9.30pm. 6-7pm Office session in Church.
- Fri 1.30-5.30pm *Pagliacci Opera rehearsals*.
- Sat 8pm Performance of *Pagliacci*.
- Sun 4 *HARVEST* Masses at 8am and 10am. 2-6pm Recording, Vivian Tang.

**Calendar and Daily Prayer themes**

- Sun 27 *TRINITY 16* Kingsley Lewis and Pauline McGovern; Beryl Lloyd
- Mon 28 *DEL Wk 26* Kurt, Julia and Florence Maile; McBrien families
- Tues 29 *St Michael and All Angels* Paula, Gianni and Giandre Morrison
- Wed 30 *St Jerome* Jade Nicholson, John, Charlie and Henry Green
- Thurs 1 *Ashley Cooper* Isabel Nisbet; Joyce Owusu; Toni Parker
- Fri 2 *Feria* Jessica and Tayah Phillips; Nick, Matilda and Barnaby Powell
- Sat 3 *George Bell, Bp* John, Hilary and Laura Roden, Hope Dixey
- Sun 4 *HARVEST* Rosemary Ross; Kerry, Chris and ben Sabine; Helen Schofield

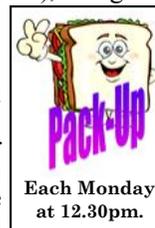
**PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome**

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

**DEPARTED** We pray for the soul of Jill Hetherington who died on Wednesday 23rd.  
**ANNIVERSARIES** Today: Sarah Stanley; 29th: Alfred Davis (1997); 30th Leroy Barton (1996), Dorothy Tane (2016); 1st: Alan Butcher, Helen Young (1989), Douglas Cleverden ((1987), Janet Fry (2019).

**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 Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe** had her recent court appearance deferred for no apparent reason. We have no idea whether that is good news or not. 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.



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PARISH MASS  
for Trinity 16 2020  
in the Creation Season

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

PARISH MASS FOR TRINITY 16 IN CREATION SEASON 2020

Opening Hymn (for reflection not singing!) **AM604 Brother, sister** [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.*

*When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.*

(Words: Richard Gillard)

**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.**

*The Creation Season: Male and female he created us*

**Opening Prayer**

**Holy God, you hold all life within you.  
Nourish as we walk together into the future.  
Help us to receive your tenderness  
and to respond to all the challenges  
you have set before us,  
male and female, young and old.  
Fill us with your encircling grace  
so that others may draw on your love through us.  
We make our prayer in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.****

**We confess to God almighty  
and in the presence of all God's people  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.**

**We confess that we have not honoured the presence of God  
in the men and women with whom we have shared our lives.**

**We confess that we have, all too readily,  
accepted the views of others, however sinful,  
and we have not bought these burdens  
to the foot of the Cross.**

**We confess that we have seen  
the wonders of creation in others  
and have been jealous  
of the gifts you have given them.**

**We confess that we have been unwilling  
to be reconciled to those who do not share our opinions  
and have harboured more grudges than moments of grace.**

**May almighty God have mercy on us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins  
and give us time to amend our lives. Amen.**

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

Stand

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.**

**God our Saviour, stand by us on the day of judgement and  
teach us to live each day as in your presence; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*1st Reading: (Genesis 2: 15-25)* The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

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

*Anthem: Let all creation sing*

*David Ogden*

*2nd Reading: (Galatians 3: 15-25 CEV)* Is the Law, as we have received it, opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! If the Law could have made it possible for people to be made right with God, then there would be no argument: the law would be the means by which we are led to salvation.

But Scripture has revealed that the Law has not brought us freedom but slavery; what was promised could only be received, finally, by faith in Christ Jesus.

Before faith came, we were imprisoned under the Law. The Law was nothing more than a form of disciplined life until Christ came. Only then were we justified, not by the work of a disciplined life but by faith.

Now we are no longer subject to the discipline of the Law for in Christ Jesus we are all children of God through faith. All those who have been baptized into Christ have been clothed by Christ and we are his. From now on there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, male and female, heirs according to God's faithful promise.

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. If anyone loves me they will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them. 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 28: 1-10) After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell the apostles to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

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

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*Offertory Hymn (for reflection not singing!)* **AM137 God of Eve**

[AM69ii Sussex]

*God of Eve and God of Mary,  
God of love and mother-earth,  
thank you for the ones who with us  
shared our life and gave us birth.*

*Thank you that the Church, our Mother,  
gives us bread and wine to sup,  
and the comfort of the Spirit  
warms our hearts and lifts us up.*

*Thank you for belonging, shelter,  
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,  
and for those who have no children,  
yet are parents under God.*

**God of Eve and God of Mary,  
Christ our Brother, human Son,  
Spirit, caring like a Mother,  
take our love and make us one!** (Words: Fred Kaan, alt.)

*Remain sitting*

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.**

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of  
your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise  
your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Remain standing*

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.

God of grace and God of patience,  
we thank you that in your plan for the world  
you gave us freedom to come to you and also to turn away,  
to lead lives of holiness or lives of selfish pleasure.  
It is your perfect will that we should be guided by love and not by law.

Forgive us when we choose to ignore you.  
Send down your Spirit of truth to transform  
all the places where generosity has been turned into exploitation,  
where truth has been abandoned and humility despised.

### **At the Offertory**

As we remember your love for each of your children,  
make us one, so that with the angels and saints  
and with all the company of heaven  
we may stand together, for ever praising you and saying:

**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;

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.**

### 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 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

Hymn (for reflection not singing!) **HR87 Word made flesh** [AM231 Regent Square]

**Word made flesh! We see Christ Jesus  
sharing our humanity,  
loving, graceful, always truthful,  
close to others bodily,  
full of passion, full of healing,  
touch of God to set them free.**

**Precious are our human bodies,  
flesh and blood to touch and see,  
place of pain and contradiction,  
yet of joy and ecstasy,  
place of passion, place of healing,  
touched by God who sets us free.**

**Glory give to God the lover,  
grateful hearts to the beloved,  
blessed be the love between them,  
overflowing to our good;  
Praise and worship, praise and worship  
to the God whose name is love.**

(Words: Jim Cotter, ed)

Communion Antiphon:

○ Lord, remember the words you spoke to me, your servant, which  
made me live in hope and consoled me when I was downcast.

*Post Communion:*

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of our families, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. 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 God who gives strength to all who call upon him,  
fill us with courage and with insight,  
so that all the world may live as one,  
bearing one another's burdens  
and seeking the common good;  
and so 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!) AM483 We are marching*

*This hymn was chosen in memory of Jill Hetherington, for many years a missionary sister in eastern Zimbabwe and co-founder of MOP, who died on Wednesday.*

**We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, marching, marching,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, marching,  
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are living in the love of God...**

**We are moving in the power of God...**

*(Words: Xhosa Traditional Hymn: Siyahamb' ekukhanen' kwenkhos; v1 Anders Nyberg; w2,3 Andrew Maries)*

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