



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PH

2nd May 2021 EASTER 5 Year B 21/18

Welcomer: Eva Kasella
 Readers: Sam Seabrook Ava Wilson,
 Interceders: Isla Seabrook, Tayah Phillips and Amariah Greenaway
 Hymns:
 Entry: CAHON617 Stand up, stand up
 Gradual: CAHON544 Our Father
 Offertory: CAHON200 Gifts of bread and wine
 P-Comm: AM389 Spirit of God
 Final: CAHON534 O praise ye the Lord

Collect: Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked: draw us out of our concern with ourselves and enable us to bind the wounds of Christ as found in those we serve. Grant this through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

recommendations. However minor they were it was important to get it right. The next task is set up an overdue check to make sure there is no asbestos in the organ chamber, part and parcel of our commitment to working strictly within the guidelines of the 2015 Construction, Design and Management regulations published by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). Alongside that we are currently in the process of putting together the 'Construction Phase Plan' which will swing into action after August 9th when the pipework is taken away from St James' for repair and refurbishment. You will be pleased to know that we have managed to get all work that will be needed to build the new organ loft within the £21,000 price envelope required by the Diocesan Chancellor earlier this month - with a bit to spare! And in all this we continue to look for all the help we can get to ensure that all the pieces of the building of the organ chamber

THIS WEEK

Sun **EASTER 5 8am Mass. 10am Streamed PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 Mon **BANK HOLIDAY** 12.15pm Pack-Up open for lunches, Church Hall.
 Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 11.30-3pm Lawrence Williams rehearsals.
 Wed **Anniversary of Consecration** 10am Mass. 11.15am Proms Committee.
 Thurs 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15pm Basic Christianity course: Meeting together.
 Fri 11-4pm Palisander rehearsal.
 Sun 9 **EASTER 6 8am Mass. 10am Streamed PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

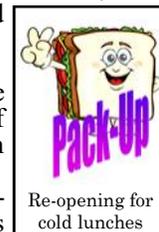
Sun 2 **EASTER 5** Jennifer and Aryn Franch; Nick, Felicity and Eleanor Fryer
 Mon 3 **DEL Easter 5** Thomas Gerbeaux; Mark and Shireen Gilbert
 Tues 4 **Reformation saints** Kika Macdonald, Luke and Parker Gillman
 Wed 5 **Feria** Mostyn, Nieve, Ilaria, Arlo Goodwin; Karensa and Amariah Greenaway
 Thurs 6 **Feria** Lucy Haire and Sam Lewis; Mark and Norah Hodge
 Fri 7 **Feria** Rebecca, Rob, Evelyn and Alice Holtom; Alastair Hume
 Sat 8 **Julian of Norwich** Kris Hyde; Matt, Nicole and Eve Jean-Baptiste
 Sun 9 **EASTER 6** Barry, Hayley, Theo and Freddie Jenkins; Eddie Jenkyns

come together on time and within budget. That, of course, is always done 'better together', positively and thankfully. Everyone involved in this task is working flat out to get the best possible result and we do hope that if your expertise is needed you will be willing to lend a hand too!

THANKS to Clem Friry for heading up the St James' Gardens renovations. She will wake the Council up!

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy Returns today to Fr David Addison in Cheltenham, on Wednesday to Wendy Fisher Gordon and on Saturday to Miranda Jules.
- BANNS OF MARRIAGE** Between Sean Paul Young and Shanice Mary Julien, both single and of the parish of St Martin of Tours, Basildon, with a qualifying connection to St James'. These are for the first time of asking.
- SICK** Christopher Browne, Jennifer Franch, Peter Freeth, Nieve Goodwin, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, Ed Pereira, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Lyn Thompson, and Melanie Toogood needing to transfer to the Mildmay Hospital shortly.
- ANNIVERSARIES** 23rd: William Wheat; 5th: Kathleen Palmer, Doris Akehurst.
- INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS** In the US: Suzanne Smith, Rector of Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. Suzanne's husband Travis is Rector of Holy Comforter, Angleton, 14 miles away. Japan: Fr Sebastian and Yuki Naniwa serving in Ehime near Hiroshima.
- PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE** We join with the rest of the free world in condemning the additional year of imprisonment imposed by the Iranians on **Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe** and a further year of travel restrictions after that so that she and her husband Richard will not have seen each other for over seven years by the end of it all. We hope and pray our government will find a way of obtaining her release much more quickly than April 2023. In the meantime may she be filled with courage and hope.



Re-opening for cold lunches



MAY CELEBRATIONS I am sure you too can sense a new feeling in the air as the Covid-19 restrictions begin to ease. With most shops now open and outdoor drinking allowed some of us are looking forward to May 17th, the date after which we are able to stay away from home for the first time (legally!).

But here at St James' we have two sets of celebrations of our own. On May 16th (Ascension Sunday) we will finally be able to admit four of our young people to First Holy Communion and on the following Sunday (Pentecost) we will be baptising Thomas Gerbeaux and admitting him to Communion too. These are always really happy days in our parish calendar and we look forward to our First Communicants leading parts of our Mass today.

And the key text for us to explore today is the Lord's Prayer, the words given by Jesus to act as the foundation for our Christian journey.

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



BETTER TOGETHER While our news media is filled with stories about the flaws of our politicians and celebrities, the Christian way has always been to assume the best of people, to encourage and to be grateful. As Fr Stephen said in last week's sermon. 'Eucharist' or Thanksgiving, lies at the heart of what we do and he reminded us of the famous prayer of St Richard of Chichester: *Thanks be to you Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me...* So as we move into the implementation stage of the Organ Project, we start with some thanks.

The organ rebuild is a very big project and a huge amount of thought has gone into every part of the task ahead. The first of those has to be the contract issued to Paul Mortier of MPOS, the organ builders. This is for £210,000 so we have to get it right! So we passed Paul's contract to five experienced members of the congregation for their scrutiny and I am glad to say that MPOS accepted each of their

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PARISH MASS
for Easter 5
Sunday May 2nd 2021

as streamed from
St James' Church
Islington N1

PARISH MASS
FOR EASTER 5 2021

Entry Hymn: **CAHON617 Stand up, stand up for Jesus** [t. Morning light]

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus! In faith and hope be strong.
Stand firm for right and justice, opposed to sin and wrong.
Give comfort to the weary and care for those in pain
lest Christ, who shares our burdens, is crucified again.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus who reigns as King of kings;
be ready for the challenge that service surely brings.
He will not force obedience, he gives to each the choice
to listen to temptation or humbly hear his voice.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus, reach out and help the weak;
see how he grants you courage and gives you words to speak.
Take up your cross with patience, till night is turned to day;
Christ conquered death for ever: the truth, the life, the way.*

(Words: Jean Holloway revised. JB)

The Greeting

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen:
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

Words of Preparation

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
**not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ, once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.

**In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.**

For as by man came death;
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

**For as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive!**

Confession

Easter Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in 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.**

Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked: draw us out of our concern with ourselves and enable us to bind the wounds of Christ as found in those we serve. Grant this through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: (Acts 8: 26-33 CEV) Then an angel said to Philip, 'Go and stand on the road to Gaza and wait to see who passes by.' Some time later, a finance minister at the court of the Queen of Ethiopia rumbled slowly past. He was reading a scroll written by the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over and speak to the man in the chariot and ask him if he understands what he is reading?' The man replied, 'How can I understand unless someone teaches me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter. He was brought low but he did not complain.' This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stay sitting for the Gradual: **CAHON544 Our Father** [Traditional Caribbean]

**Our Father, who art on heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
hallowed be thy name. (x2).**

**On earth as it is in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Give us this day our daily bread,
hallowed be thy name. (x2).**

**Forgive us our trespasses,
hallowed be thy name,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
hallowed be thy name. (x2).**

**Lead us not into temptation,
hallowed be thy name,
but deliver us from all that is evil,
hallowed be thy name. (x2).**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
hallowed be thy name,
for ever, and for ever and ever.
hallowed be thy name. (x2).**

**Amen, amen, it shall be so,
hallowed be thy name.
Amen, amen, it shall be so,
hallowed be thy name. (x2).**

2nd Reading: (Acts 8: 34-40 CEV) Then the minister asked Philip, 'Who is this writer talking about - himself or someone else?' Led by the Spirit, Philip told him about how Isaiah was writing about the teacher who would be born many hundreds of years later, the man who would be known as Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to a large pool; and the minister said, 'Look, here is water! What is to stop me being baptised?'

He ordered the chariot to stop and Philip baptized him there but when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The minister did not see him again but went on his way home, rejoicing because of all he had heard. 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 Lord, teach us to pray. 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 6: 7-14) Jesus said: 'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

'Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you;

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Stand

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

Jesus came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the risen Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia, alleluia
And also with you. Alleluia, alleluia!

Offertory Hymn: **CAHON200 Gifts of bread and wine**

*Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,
fruits of labour, fruits of love,
Taken, offered, sanctified,
blessed and broken: words of one who died;
'Take my body, take my saving blood.'
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.*

*Christ our Saviour, living presence here,
as he promised while on earth:
'I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and wine'. Take my body...*

*To the Father, with the Spirit,
one in union with the Son,
for God's people, joined in prayer,
faith is strengthened by the food we share. Take my body...*

(Words: Christine McCann)

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.**

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May
everything we do be directed by prayer. We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Remain standing

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.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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 sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon 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

Hymn after Communion: **AM389 Spirit of God, unseen**

*Spirit of God, unseen by the wind,
gentle as the dove,
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love.*

*You spoke to us long, long ago,
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard. Spirit of God...*

*Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength,
following Christ each day. Spirit of God...*

After Communion

[t Skye Boat Song]

(Words: Margaret V Old)

Communion Antiphon:

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; he who lives in me,
and I in him, will bear much fruit. Alleluia.

Post Communion:

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your
life. May we always walk in your way, 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 and Blessing

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Final Hymn: **CAHON534 O praise ye the Lord**

[t Laudate Dominum]

**O praise ye the Lord, praise him the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him, by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.**

**O praise ye the Lord! all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.**

**O praise ye the Lord! thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!**

(Words: Henry Baker, based on Psalm 150)