



# ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PH

11th April 2021 EASTER 2 Year B 21/15

Welcomer: Norah and Mark Hodge  
 Reader: Martin Allen and Rosemary Ross  
 Interceder: Susan Sorensen  
 Hymns and Anthem:  
 Entry: AM217 The strife is o'er  
 R Psalm: Psalm 16  
 Offertory: AM42 Christ be our light  
 Anthem: Rutter Gaelic Blessing  
 Final: AM199 Christ is alive

**Collect: Lord, every meeting with you transforms us; you give us confidence and courage. Fill us with such a sense of your presence that nothing in life or death may ever separate us from your love. Grant this through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.**



**SEE MY HANDS AND MY SIDE** Today's Collect is dead right: 'Lord, every meeting with you transforms us'. That was true throughout Jesus' three year ministry as he met foreigners, people with dodgy pasts, parents with sick children, those with open minds as well as those who had closed their hearts against him. All were changed - whether they liked it or not! The question for us, as it was for Thomas, is - where am I likely to see Jesus? The absent disciple was clear he would not believe in the Resurrection until he had seen Jesus for himself. And we may need more than just words to make our faith come alive. So where are we to meet Jesus? Can I suggest three ways: the first way is likely to be in our prayers when we give him the time and the opportunity to speak to us directly. The second is through our worship together when we hear and see things which allow God to affect our thoughts and feelings. The third way comes as a by-product of what we do for other people who need us. In all those moments we meet Jesus.

**ST JAMES' 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** After such a challenging year when nothing has been quite as we expected, the AGM gives us time to take stock and to reflect on all that God has done among us. Of course, because of the lockdowns, we held the 2020 AGM in October rather than in April so this one will be less concerned with the past than with the future. But there are two major topics for us to consider. The first is to look at all the options that will flow from the result of the Consistory Court judgement which we sincerely hope will have been received by the Parish by April 18th! But the second is to look much further forward. Last year we completed the second of our 5 years plans (2016-20). Unlike the first plan which looked at a whole range of topics, Phase 2 was almost wholly concerned with the restoration and development of our three buildings (Church, Hall and Vicarage) which should have ended with the refurbishment of the organ in time for the 450th anniversary of William Lambe in 2020. Sadly Covid and other difficulties meant that the final element (the organ) has been delayed by at least a year! But it may be that with an entirely new generation of members at St James', we need to ask similar questions to those we considered in 2011. Leaving aside the Buildings and Maintenance programme which has all but been completed, what other areas are likely to need attention as we head for St James' 150th anniversary in 2025 (SJI-150)? These are a first attempt:

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

**Children and Young People:** Like many churches we cater for 0-10years pretty well with our excellent Sunday School. But the children we baptised ten years ago are now growing up: how can we ensure they are not forgotten?

**Community Outreach:** While 'Pack-Up' is our flag-ship outreach project the opening of the ARC opens up new opportunities for working together. As schools re-open how can we restore the relationships that have been forged over the years with Hanover, Richard Cloudesley and with New North Road schools in particular? Could we revive the idea of a post-pandemic 'event' in the autumn of 2021 - as part of the Proms? What part should our music ministry play in the future?

**Education:** Acquiring zooming skills led to a new form of study group this Spring in addition to a weekly Christian Basics course? Is there an appetite for developing more adult education here?

**Financial Review Group:** St James' has managed to weather the pandemic by being able to dip into our reserves. Can we make sure these resources continue to work well for us?

**Hall:** The Hall is a major part of our income stream yet depends on a tiny group of volunteers to stay open. How can this be made sustainable?

**Social Events:** Is it true that a Church that plays together, stays together?

**Worship:** After so much adaptation of our worship during the lock-down, what lessons should we learn as we look to the next five years?

## THIS WEEK

Sun	EASTER 2 8am Mass. 10am Streamed PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.
Mon	10-5pm Palisander Rehearsal
Tues	No 9am Mass. 9-1pm Palisander Music rehearsal. 9-12.30am Diocesan Safeguarding Course. 1.30pm Funeral of Marion Smith, Church.
Wed	10am Mass. 12.30-6.30pm Palisander Music Rehearsal.
Thurs	11-1pm Harry Sever Music rehearsal. 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15pm Basic Christianity course looks at Romans Chapter 1.
Sat	10am Packington Art Project. 2-4pm Frances Hughes Quartet rehearsal.
Sun 18	EASTER 3 8am Mass. 10am Streamed PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 11.15pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

## Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 11	EASTER 2	Nick, Isabelle, Maxwell and Leon Sharples; Song and Jess
Mon 12	DEL Easter 2	Susan and Eric Sorensen; Claire, Alex, Kaitlin, Oliver Suksiri
Tues 13	Feria	Vera Taggart; Fr Stephen Taylor; Ken and Margaret Thompson
Wed 14	Feria	Fr Victor de Waal; Tim Willis, Jay, Lucy, Ava, Ivy and Bella Wilson
Thurs 15	Feria	Belle Williams, Tom, Poppy, Pearl, Bow Wheatley
Fri 16	Feria	Kathryn Wark; Chris Wright; Kate Yeats
Sat 17	Feria	Lisa Ahmet-Baker, Max and Oscar; Louise Ahmet, Vinney and Benjy
Sun 18	EASTER 3	Martin, Kerri, Rebecca and Joseph Allen

## PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

**BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy Returns to Lisa Ahmet-Baker, and to Catriona Wilkinson (Burniston) who is 30 today; to Kingsley Lewis who is 86 tomorrow; to Sophie Duffy on Tuesday and to Churchwarden Hilary Roden whose day is on Friday

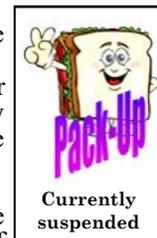
**BIRTHS** Warmest congratulations to Ola and Rosemary Lapido on the arrival of Gabriella on Good Friday, a sister for Jerry and Anaiah.

**SICK** Christopher Browne, Jennifer Franich, Mariolina and Peter Freeth, Nieve Goodwin, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, Ed Pereira, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Lyn Thompson and Melanie Toogood.

**ANNIVERSARIES** 11th: Norman Cape (2001); 16th: Howard Allen (2020).

**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** Continuing to remember **Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe** who awaits news of the verdict from her second trial in Tehran before Easter.



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PARISH MASS  
for Easter 2  
Sunday April 11th 2021

as streamed from  
St James' Church  
Islington N1

PARISH MASS  
FOR EASTER 2 2021

Entry Hymn: **AM217 The strife is o'er**

[t Victory]

*The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung: Alleluia!*

*Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
let shouts of praise and joy outburst: Alleluia!*

*On the third morn he rose again  
glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain: Alleluia!*

(Words: Latin, *Finita iam sunt praelia* tr. Francis Pott)

**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.**

## Collect

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confidence and courage. Fill us with such a sense of your  
presence that nothing in life or death may ever separate us from  
your love. Grant this through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.**

Sit

## The Word of God

*1st reading: (Acts 4: 32-35)* Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

## Psalms 16



Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Lord,  
'You are my Lord, my good above all other'.  
You have generously fed me  
and have made my life secure. **(R)**

Our boundaries have been set in pleasant places;  
surely we have a delightful inheritance.  
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me, day and night. **(R)**

I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.  
My heart, therefore, is glad  
and my spirit rejoices;  
my body shall also rest in hope. **(R)**

You will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.  
You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and at your right hand  
are pleasures for evermore. **(R)**

*2nd Reading: (1 John 1: 8 - 2: 2)* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the one who atoned for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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**

**Alleluia, alleluia Jesus said, You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia**

### **Gospel**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

(St John 20: 19-end) When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON FOR EASTER 2 | 11.04.2021

Acts 4: 32-35; 1 John 1: 8 – 2: 2; St John 20: 19-end

The death of Prince Philip last Friday, just two months short of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, has led many commentators to reflect on the question: what was the biggest single influence in his life?

You will have watched the TV coverage – how the young Prince Philip was whisked away from Greece in an orange box at the age of one by a Royal Navy ship when his father was liable to be court marshalled during the disastrous war with Turkey; how his parents split up, his father spending his time losing what money he had in Monte Carlo and his mother becoming a kind of Orthodox nun before ending up in a psychiatric hospital; how his meteoric career in the Navy had to be abandoned when he married the Queen and how, as Duke of Edinburgh it had fallen to him to do all he could to help both Diana and Fergie integrate into the Royal family. The quote most often heard in the sound clips, that Philip was the Queen's rock.

But from all accounts it was a hard battle: choosing between the Navy and life in Buckingham Palace, between being a military leader and the Royal No2, ten paces behind; between being discreet and enjoying a rather robust and rude sense of humour; between public duties which must have been insufferably boring at times and the chance to explore all kinds of ideas with people as intellectually gifted as he was. I think it is to his credit that he managed to be both as charming and as interested in other people as he did – and apparently to find happiness in the middle of the mix.

Which might seem a topical if odd introduction to the story of Thomas, for ever 'Doubting Thomas', the disciple who wasn't there when Jesus first made himself known to the rest of the disciples after the resurrection. And we can hear the discussion when Thomas returned and the disciples were doing their best to make him believe that they had seen the Lord. *Unless I see with my own eyes his hands and his side, I will not believe...*

Now Thomas is no different from the rest of us. Like us he would have loved to give Good Friday a happy ending. And that is what the disciples were offering: *you thought he was dead but he isn't; he is alive. Share our happiness, share our joy!*

But however much he may have wanted to, Thomas couldn't. He just couldn't accept the words of his friends; it simply wasn't in his power to suspend his doubts and his scepticism about something so 'illogical' – however heart-warming it might have appeared to have been. He could want to believe with all his heart – not least to stay friends with these people he has known for the past three years. But he couldn't.

Three years ago, a Canadian professor of psychology by the name of Jordan Peterson wrote a book called *12 Rules for Life*. More recently he has been seriously ill and has also been banned by Cambridge University for some of the company he has been keeping with a group of politicians who describe themselves as Islamaphobes. He doesn't come across as the kind of person I would naturally associate with but he has had some interesting things to say about faith.

His opening statement goes like this. The Jesus we hear about in Church is an amalgam of two people: the Jesus who actually lived in 1<sup>st</sup> century Palestine – on well attested evidence; and the Jesus who is surrounded by all kinds of myths and unprovable stories. What surprises him, he says, is how much of a hold those myths have on him – to the point where he thinks he probably believes in a surprisingly large number of them. *I am amazed at my own belief*, he says, *and I don't understand it.*

And the reason why he is particularly uncertain is because, in his experience, believers are not sufficiently transformed for him to believe that they really do believe in God - or are sufficiently convincing that they believe the story they are telling. As he says, *the way that you live isn't sufficient testament to the truth...*

Reading between the lines, it seems that Peterson wants to believe those telling the Jesus story, but he can't. They just don't seem to be sure enough themselves. Ouch!

Now, having heard today's Gospel we know what happened next. This time Thomas is with the rest of the apostles, somewhere behind a locked door. And Jesus appears for a second time. Thomas can have no doubts now: there is Jesus, just a few feet away.

And he invites Thomas, as we see on the front cover of the pew sheet, to examine his nailed hands and the place where the spear pieced his body. It really is the Lord.

Is Thomas any happier? In a way of course he is! Whatever doubts he had when he first talked to Peter and the rest of his friends, have now been blown out of the water by the appearance of the Master himself. And he says, with obvious relief: *my Lord and my God!* The proof he needed was right there. All is well. Or is it?

Reading about Professor Peterson I wonder if there isn't something really appealing about people with a clear faith? Isn't there something compelling in those who are so convinced by something they can't prove – whether by grace or by revelation - that their lives are, in the words of the professor, *sufficient testament to the truth and the faith that they hold?*

Isn't that what made the difference for Prince Philip? Wasn't it faith that he needed when he stood weighing up the choice between a successful life in the Royal Navy, and the very different life maintaining and developing the Royal Family, alongside the women he loved? Wasn't it faith that made him prepared to give it his all, a life with no guarantees that it would all work out, no promise that he would be listened to, no suggestion that others would take any notice of him! The only thing he had was an absolute and unswerving faith in what he felt to be his unique calling. And now he has died, the tributes to that faith-led life are simply rolling in.

Wasn't it true that the lifestyle of the Early Church also had that power that Jordan Peterson was talking about?

There it is in Acts: *Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was seen among them all.*

We who live by faith – however weakly at times – are the heirs, not of Thomas but of a much more contemporary disciple. When Jesus said, *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe*, he may well have had Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, in mind.

## 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: **AM42 Christ, be our light**

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness, longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

**Christ be our light, shine in our hearts, shine in the darkness.  
Christ be pour light, shine in our hearts gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, many are troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your Word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.**

**Christ...**

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. Christ...**

(Words: Bernadette Farrell)

*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 grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us one in the  
Kingdom of your Son. Accept all that we do this day and strengthen us in  
the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Remain standing*

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

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 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For in the Cross of Jesus  
you have taken upon yourself the price of our sin,  
and in the resurrection  
you reveal the limitless nature of your love.

Even as the disciples cowered behind locked doors  
your Son visited them and breathed on them the Spirit of peace.

Breathe that same Spirit upon your Church,  
that in our doubt and despite our lack of trust in your promises,  
we may join with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven  
for ever singing our songs of praise:

**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 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:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
You have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
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.**

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 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.**

### Fraction

### Agnus Dei

### 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

Anthem: Gaelic Blessing

*Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you: moon stars pour their healing light on you,  
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you, Deep peace of Christ to you.*

(Words from an old Gaelic rune)

Communion Antiphon

Jesus spoke to Thomas: Put your hand here, and see the place of the nails.  
Doubt no longer, but believe. Alleluia.

Post Communion:

Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread  
of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each  
other, through 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.**

Stand

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

Final: **AMI99 Christ is alive**

[t Truro]

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing;  
the cross stands empty to the sky:  
let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.**

After Communion

John Rutter

Community Notices

Blessing

Dismissal

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, peace and praise.**

(Words: Brian Wren)

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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.