



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PH

9th May 2021 EASTER 6 Year B 21/19

Welcomers: Martin and Kerri Allen
 Readers: Hilary Roden and Eric Sorensen
 Interceder: Susan Sorensen
 Hymns:
 Entry: AM238 Come down O love
 R Psalm: Ps98 Sing a new song of joy
 Offertory: TP70 Jesus, Jesu
 Anthem: *Firmly I believe* Shephard
 Final AM199 Christ is alive!

Collect: Jesus, you turned death into life and defeat into victory; help us to endure the hardships of life, that we may seize the opportunities you offer and strive for that which is yet impossible; for you are one with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.



FIRST COMMUNICANTS Thanks to Karensa Greenaway for capturing the First Communicants playing the organ on Tuesday as part of their final preparations for Sunday 16th May. Hearing them giggling as they stepped cautiously up the spiral staircase to see what the pipework looks like from above was a great reminder of how lucky we are to have so many young people at St James'. As part of the session we also thought about what they would like to do as a group after their First Communions? Their suggestions included some fundraising and some trips out and we will be testing out those ideas on the others who made their First Holy Communions before the lock-down. Which fits in very nicely with our consultation plans as we start a new Five Year Plan leading up to the St James' 150th anniversary (SJI-150) in 2025. During the year we will be hoping to make contact with each of

the families and individuals who count themselves part of the St James' congregation, listening to opinions and asking for suggestions. Should be fun!

LOOKING FORWARD We have almost forgotten what it feels like to make plans for the future and to be able to look at a diary (whether paper or electronic) and see what might be possible over the next six months or so. Already one musical group are asking about Holy Week in 2022! Two things to mention here:

Baptisms: the planner is now open for families to arrange baptisms. We already have two set for Sunday August 29th, one at 10am and the other for 12noon. In order to space baptisms out I would be very grateful if people would get in touch asap so that we can make sure these special days get the attention they deserve.

International Links: You are already familiar with the names of our link churches in the US and in Japan. You know too that you can join in the 6pm Prayers with Grace Church, Alvin in Texas via Facebook each Wednesday. We are currently

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planning to have a **LINKS SUNDAY** on July 4th (ring any bells?) when, with modern technology helping us, Suzanne Smith the Rector of Grace Church, Alvin will preach for us here at St James' and I will preach for the congregation in Texas! With luck we will also be able to include Fr Sebastian Naniwa who is the priest at St Andrew's Church in Matsuyama, south of Hiroshima in the Diocese of Kobe. Sebastian's English is limited but his wife Yuki Ihara is well known to us here at St James' as an organist and I am sure she will help him to prepare some prayers for use on that day too. We may even be able to involve Dumisani Nguni who has been such an important part of our link with Bonda in Zimbabwe. In this way we remind ourselves that we are part of the worldwide Anglican family of churches with similar traditions - and the same need for encouragement.

THIS WEEK

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| Sun | EASTER 6 8am Mass. 10am Streamed PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL |
| Mon | 3-6.30pm <i>Laurence Williams rehearsals. 7-9pm Stepney Area Clergy Conference 1</i> |
| Tues | 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 9.30-4.30pm <i>Stepney Area Clergy Conference 2. 5pm FC1 rehearsal and prayer service.</i> |
| Wed | 10am Mass. 11am-1.15pm <i>James Potter Choir recording. 6.30pm Annabel and Dominic wedding rehearsal.</i> |
| Thurs | 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15pm Basic Christianity course: Facing up to sin. |
| Fri | 11-4pm <i>Palisander rehearsal. 2-3.30pm Diocesan Safeguarding course 1.</i> |
| Sat | 1.30pm Wedding of Dominic Higgins and Annabel Hill. |
| Sun 16 | ASCENSION SUNDAY 8am Mass. 10am Streamed PARISH MASS, SUNDAY SCHOOL and ADMISSIONS to FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. 6.30pm. 6pm Musical Vespers with Gisela Meyer, Lucy Haire and Isabel Nisbet. |

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

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| Sun 9 | <i>EASTER 6</i> | Barry, Hayley, Theo and Freddie Jenkins; Eddie Jenkyns |
| Mon 10 | <i>DEL Easter 6</i> | Grace and Elrose Joseph; Miranda Jules |
| Tues 11 | <i>Feria</i> | Eva, Roy, Jerome and Zuri Kasella; Charlotte, Josh, Olivia and Alfie |
| Wed 12 | <i>Gregory Dix</i> | Philip Kingston; Kingsley Lewis; Beryl Lloyd |
| Thurs 13 | <i>Feria</i> | Kurt, Julia, Florence Maile; McBrien families |
| Fri 14 | <i>St Matthias, Ap</i> | Sheiella Morgan, Jacob and Rio Wilson |
| Sat 15 | <i>Feria</i> | Paula, Gianni and Giandre Morrison; Sergio Munoz and Cecilia Huiza |
| Sun 16 | <i>ASCENSION SUNDAY</i> | Bill Murphy; Jade Nicholson, John, Charlie, Henry |

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Many Happy Returns today to Isabel Nisbet, taking the opportunity for a few days away; on Tuesday to Arnold Carter who will be 8; on Thursday to Charlie Green who will be the same age and on Saturday to Ivy Wilson who will be 4.

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 second time of asking.

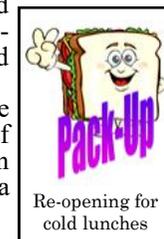
WEDDING Warmest congratulations to Dominic Higgins and Annabel Hill, to be married at St James' on Saturday 15th May. The wedding was to have been in Oz last year!

FIRST COMMUNICANTS 16th May: Amariah Greenaway, Barnaby and Matilda Powell, Ava Wilson; **23rd May:** Thomas Gerbeaux, also to be baptised.

SICK Christopher Browne, Jennifer Franich, Peter Freeth, Nieve Goodwin, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, Ed Pereira, Tayah Phillips, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Lyn Thompson and Melanie Toogood (ITU., UCH with both liver and kidney failure).

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 St Andrew's Church, Matsuyama 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.



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PARISH MASS
for Easter 6
Sunday May 9th 2021

as streamed from
St James' Church
Islington N1

PARISH MASS
FOR EASTER 6 2021

Entry Hymn: **AM238 Come down, O love divine** [t. Down Ampney]

*Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

*Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.*

*And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit make his dwelling.*

(Words: Bianco da Siena/Richard Littledale)

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.**

Jesus, you turned death into life and defeat into victory: help us to endure the hardships of life, that we may seize the opportunities you offer and strive for that which is yet impossible; for you are one with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

1st Reading: (Acts 10: 44-end) While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stay sitting for the Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 98

***Sing new songs to the Lord, for his love is everlasting.
Sing new songs to the Lord who is come to save the world.***

***Sing a new song of joy to the Lord,
who has done such marvellous things;
his strength he reveals with his arm,
by his hand the victory is won. Sing new...***

***The Lord has made known his salvation;
in the sight of all his peoples.
His mercy he shows unto Israel,
and his righteousness to the nations. Sing new...***

***Let the sea and the land now ring out,
let the streams and hills clap their hands;
he comes down to earth bringing justice
and his saving help to the world. Sing new...***

***To the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
to the Three in One give the glory,
who was and who is and who shall be
throughout all ages to come. Sing new...*** (Music and words: John Bell)

2nd Reading: (1 John 5: 1-6) Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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. Jesus said, 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 John
Glory to you, O Lord

(St John 15: 9-17) As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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: TP70 Jesu,. Jesu [t Cheriponi, Ghanaian Folk Song]

**Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. Jesu, Jesu...**

**Neighbours are rich and are poor,
neighbours are black and are white,
neighbours are near and are far away. Jesu, Jesu...**

**Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. Jesu, Jesu...** (Words: Tom Colven)

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 glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city
of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and to everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

Wondrous and holy God we thank you and we praise you
because we did not choose you but you chose us.
You planned from the very beginning
that we should become your friends
and you have remembered that promise in every generation.

In Christ you showed us the price to be paid for such love
and in the work of your Holy Spirit
you turn us from servants to companions and messengers
of your Gospel of love.

And so with the angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

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:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will 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;

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.**

Fraction

*And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
Holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings as his own.*

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.**

*Adoration ay be given,
with and through the angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.* (Words: J H Newman)

Communion Antiphon:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord. The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, to be with you for ever. Alleluia

Post Communion:

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

**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

Sit

After Communion

Anthem: **File 125 Firmly I believe and truly**

[Music: Richard Shephard]

*Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.*

*And I trust and hope most fully
in that manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.*

*Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.*

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

Final Hymn: **AM199 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.*

*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, love and praise.*

(Words: Brian Wren)



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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