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 Entry: AM743 O God, beyond all praising
 Gradual: TP61 In my life, Lord
 Offertory: CAHON715 We have a dream
 P-Comm: AM494 In my life, Lord
 Final: AM739 Now thank we all our God

Collect: Merciful God, your apostle James left family, home and all that he had, to be a pilgrim servant of Christ. Teach us to walk in his footsteps, that by overcoming all that holds us back, we may learn to go wherever you send us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



WHAT IS THE CONNECTION? Welcome to St James' today for our Patronal Festival, the day we celebrate being part of the Church family here. So what is the face of Barak Obama doing on the front cover of the pew sheet?! While his wife Michelle made a great link with the girls at Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School in Islington some years ago, what is his link with St James' Day 2021? The answer lies in his book, 'A Promised Land' in which he reflects with great thoughtfulness about his time at the forefront of American politics ten years ago. As I have taken time out this week (in the glorious sunshine) to sit in the garden and read the book, I recognised so many parallels between his aims, his strategies, his dreams - and those which I hope will help us to work out our strap line 'discovering how to live like Jesus in the 21st century'. His stage was much bigger of course and the challenges he faced much more complex - but as he rightly says, 'people are people, the world over'. Today I suggest one or two things which we might reflect on as we begin our 'Time to Dream' programme between now and the end of the year. One of them was Obama's absolute belief in the need to spend time getting to know each other - without a 'heavy agenda'! Despite the fact that half of the people we invited couldn't make it, the picture above is a glimpse of what I hope will become much more a part of St James' in the future, the party last Friday to wish Sergio and Cecy well as they returned to Mexico for their wedding (Lebby and Sarah came later!)

HOLY COMMUNION Having reached Stage 4 of the pandemic regulations, we are able to take some cautious steps towards a the normalisation of what we do in Church. The first step has been to take down the black tape on the end of

the pews, but to leave in place a gentle reminder to wear masks and to sit 2 metres away from other members of the congregation. The second change us the revival of the Offertory procession so that the gifts of bread and wine are brought up to the altar at the 10am Mass. The third is the invitation to 'intinct' the eucharistic bread in the chalice at the time of Communion and the fourth will be the restoration of coffee after Mass. *Please feel free to take advantage of these legal changes - or not - as you choose.*

QR CODE May we remind those of you with mobile phones that you can give to St James' via the large QR sheet on the back noticeboard, or the smaller code printed at the foot of this Weekly News Sheet.

40 YEARS ON To enable Maria and I to celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary with Sinead, Catriona and Daniel in Yorkshire next Sunday, we are grateful to Fr Stephen and to Fr Jim Walters for covering the two Masses here on that day.

THIS WEEK

Sun **ST JAMES 8am Mass. 10am Streamed PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.**
 Mon 7pm Deanery Synod, St David's, Lough Road.
 Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 7-9pm *Corsican Brass rehearsal.*
 Wed 10am Mass. 11am Installation of additional microphones to allow us to stream concerts. 2pm Meeting with James Hughesdon, St Mary's Upper Street. 7-8.30pm *Some Voices rehearsal.*
 Thurs 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15-7pm Office Hour.
 Fri 1pm Funeral of Lucy Philogene.
 Sun 1 **TRINITY 9 8am Mass** (Fr Stephen). **10am Streamed PARISH MASS.** (Fr Jim Walters). There is **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY**

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 25 *ST JAMES* Nick, Felicity and Eleanor Fryer; Thomas Gerbeaux
 Mon 26 *DEL Week 17* Mark and Shireen Gilbert; Luke Gilman, Kika and Parker
 Tues 27 *BF Westcott* Mostyn, Nieve, Ilaria and Arlo Goodwin
 Wed 28 *Feria* Karensa and Amariah Greenaway; Lucy Haire and Sam Lewis
 Thurs 29 *Mary, Martha and Lazarus* Mark and Norah Hodge; Alastair Hume
 Fri 30 *William Wilberforce* Rob, Rebecca, Evelyn and Alice Holtom; Kris Hyde
 Sat 31 *St Ignatius of Loyola* Matt, Nicole and Eve Jean-Baptiste; Eddie Jenkyns
 Sun 1 *TRINITY 9* Barry, Hayley, Theo and Freddie Jenkins; Grace and Elrose Joseph

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Many Happy Returns today to Beryl Lloyd; tomorrow to Albert Bryan; on Tuesday to Olivia Kennedy who will be 4 and on Friday to Bill Murphy who will be 86.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY We send our love and best wishes to Ken and Margaret Thompson, happily ensconced in their cottage in Verquilleux in Burgundy whose 58th anniversary it will be on Tuesday.

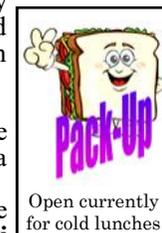
BANNS Between Barry Orlando Thomas and Lauren Lucy Cornwell, both single and of the parish St George's Enfield, with a qualifying connection with St Stephen's Canonbury for whom we are offering hospitality during building works. These are for the first time of asking.

SICK Christopher Browne, Jennifer Franich, Peter Freeth, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, Ed Pereira, Tayah Phillips, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe and Lyn Thompson.

MEMORIALS 25th; Bertie Kimpton (1990); 28th: Eric Stanhope (1995).

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS In the US: Mth Suzanne Smith, Rector of Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. Japan: Fr Sebastian and Yuki Naniwa serving in St Andrew's Church, Matsuyama, Diocese of Kobe.

PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE We join the rest of the free world in condemning the additional year of imprisonment imposed on **Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe** and to a further ban on leaving Iran. We continue to pray for Richard and for Gabriella and for those in government working for Nazanin's release. Richard will not have seen Nazanin 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.





PARISH MASS
for St James' Day
July 25th 2021

as streamed from
St James' Church
Islington N1

PARISH MASS
FOR ST JAMES' DAY 2021

Entry Hymn: **AM743 O God, beyond all praising** [t Thaxted]

*O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today,
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

*Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrow's be filled with good or ill
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

(Words: Michael Perry)

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 with you
and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

Words of Preparation

How awesome is this place.

**This is none other than the house of God
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

I saw a ladder which rested on the ground
with its top reaching to heaven,
and the angels of God were going up and down it.

**This is none other than the house of God
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You will see greater things than this.

You will see heaven wide open

with God's angels and archangels descending upon the Son of Man.

**This is none other than the house of God
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You are the temple of the living God,
and the Spirit of God dwells in you.
The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.
**This is none other than the house of God
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

Confession

St. James' Day / Patronal Festival

Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ:

**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 us and free us from your sins, heal and strengthen us 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

Merciful God, your apostle James left family, home and all that he had, to be a pilgrim servant of Christ. Teach us to walk in his footsteps, that by overcoming all that holds us back, we may learn to go wherever you send us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sit

The Word of God

1st Reading: (Acts 11; 27—12: 2) At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers* living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the Church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: TP61 In my life, Lord, be glorified

[t NMP335]

*In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your Church, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In our work, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our work, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our homes, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In our hearts, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our hearts, Lord, be glorified today.* (Words: vv1-2 Bob Kilpatrick; vv3-5 JB)

2nd Reading: (2 Corinthians 4: 7-12) But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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 sing together:



We say together:

I chose you from the world to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last, says the Lord.

We sing once more: **Alleluia, 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

Gospel: (St Matthew 20: 20-28) Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.'

But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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

Sit

Sermon

Stand

The Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the 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;
through 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 in 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.**

Sit

Prayers of Intercession

At the end:

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

Stand

The Peace

Peace to this house from God our heavenly Father. Peace to this house from his Son who is our peace. Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **and also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: **CAHON715 We have a dream**

[t Woodlands]

**We have a dream this nation will arise,
and truly live according to its creed
that all are equal in their maker's eyes,
and none shall suffer through another's greed.**

**We have a dream that one day we shall see
a world of justice, truth and equity,
where sons of slaves and daughters of the free
will share the banquet of community.**

**We have a dream that truth will overcome
the fear and anger of our present day;
that black and white will share a common home,
and hand in hand will walk the pilgrim way.**

**We have a dream; each valley will be raised,
and every mountain, every hill brought down;
then shall creation echo perfect praise
and share God's glory under freedom's crown.**

(Words: Michael Forster, based on the speech by Martin Luther King, Jr., August 1963)

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.**

Lord God, today we honour your servant James, the first apostle to share the
cup of suffering and death. Receive our offering of praise and thanksgiving, and
renew us in the service of your Son Jesus, who came not to be served but to
serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. We ask this in his name.
Amen.

Remain standing

Eucharistic Prayer E

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 everywhere to give you thanks,
Holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

For after his resurrection he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the Gospel to all nations and lead us into the way of truth.
Himself the chief cornerstone,
he founded the Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all if the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven
we lift our voices and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san-na in the high - est!

Sit

How wonderful the works of your hands, O Lord!
As a mother tenderly gathers her children
you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.
On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends,
and taking bread, he 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.

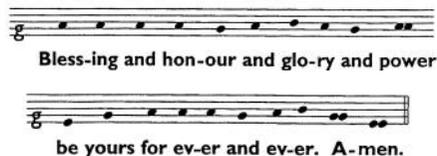
At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
 Rising you restored our life.
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us into the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Mary, the Mother of God, St James, St Peter and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord; by him, with him, and in him, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:



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.**

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.'
 The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

After Communion

Communion Hymn: **AM494 I, the Lord of sea and sky**

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain. I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send: Here I am...*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am...*

(Words: Dan Schutte)

Communion Antiphon:

Happy are those who show mercy; mercy shall be shown to them. Happy are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

Post Communion

Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may reveal his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son
and brought us home.
Dying and living he declared your love,
gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup
bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Banns of Marriage and Community Notices

Stand

Blessing

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with St James and all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of the Kingdom of God; and the blessing...

Dismissal

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

Final Hymn: **AM739 Now thank we all our God**

[t. Nun Danket]

**Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

(Words: Martin Rinkart)

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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.