



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PH

12 September 2021 TRINITY 15 Yr B 21/35

Welcomer: Hilary Roden
 Readers: Lucy Haire and Martin Allen
 Interceder: Kerri Allen
 Euch Min: Susan Sorensen
 Coffee: Rosemary Ross
 Entry: TP134 The Church of Christ
 Gradual: Psalm 116
 Offertory: AM593 At the name of Jesus
 Anthem: *Jesu, joy of our desiring* Bach
 Final: TP74 Jesus, Prince Saviour

Collect: All-knowing God, nothing escapes your notice. Everything we think or do is known to you. Take from us our hope of deceiving you. Fill us with strength and integrity so that whatever our feelings, our words and our actions may serve your just and holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



LAMBE'S FEAST NEXT Sunday (September 19th) we will be celebrating the 450th anniversary of William Lambe with two very special events. I have asked an old friend of mine, Canon Michael Rawson, Vice Dean of Southwark Cathedral, to come and preach at the 10am Festival Mass where the

music (mostly by Palestrina) will be sung by the Corvus Consort. This will then be followed by a big Community Lunch, 'Lambe's Feast'. *Thanks to those who have signed up to bring food to share.* Scott Kinch from the congregation (who also happens to be a professional chef) is coordinating the menu and will be really grateful for every offer of food - main or dessert - that you can bring on the day. **And do come yourselves!** Our children will be performing a tableau written and produced by Thomas Gerbeaux at the start of the Mass and we look forward to St James' coming together - with the wider community - as a Church family after what seems like a very long time apart.

THE ORGAN PROJECT Once we had permission to start work, the organ rebuilding fell into three distinct stages - and we have successfully accomplished the first one! This was the complete removal of the old organ: first the careful taking away of all the pipe work for repair and revoicing and then the rather more brutal demolition of the very heavy Victorian swell box and all the other support beams! Many thanks to Paul Mortier and MPOS and then to Berkley Demolition for the way they worked to complete this process over the last three weeks - and to Andres Ramirez of A1 Cleaning Services who got rid of all the dust and dirt afterwards and then fixed the spotlight on William Lambe as the Church ladders weren't long enough to reach the fittings! Stage 2 is the construction of the steel platform in the empty space where the organ used to be! We are now in detailed discussion with Islington Council and with Price and Myers our structural engineers to see how to do this economically and with least damage to the fabric of the building. We hope the platform will be built in October. Stage 3 will not take place until the new year when the organ is reconstructed, ready for its opening recital at Mardi Gras, the Sunday before Lent, February 27th 2022.

THANK YOU to Isabel our Churchwarden for playing the organ last Sunday morning after Adam was taken ill overnight. She even started to rehearse at 7am as soon as she heard the news!

THE PCC met on zoom on Tuesday evening after the summer break. Susan Sorensen our treasurer had worked hard to get useful figures in front of us, not least details of the grants now sent from the William Lambe Trust and the Cloudesley charity for the Organ Project. Inevitably the lack of revenue from the hiring of the Church Hall has meant that we are currently running at a deficit but Susan hoped that we could make up some of the loss in the remainder of the year. Costs are being kept to an absolute minimum at the moment for obvious reasons. But that took us into a long but useful discussion drawn from the blue *Time to Dream* document that has been in Church since early June. While the major part of TTD will be one-to-one discussions with individuals and families at home, the PCC did begin to think about what our priorities might be over the next two and a half years, most notably ways to sustain the work of our Sunday School, our care of the Church buildings and the maintenance of our pew sheets that allow us to have such a varied pattern of Sunday worship. We also discussed how to increase the membership of the PCC. While there are no easy answers to the challenges churches are facing post Covid, we agreed that the we at St James' had a particular task ahead of us as we prepare for the choice of a new parish priest. Everyone will have a view about that...!

THIS WEEK

- Sun TRINITY 15 8am Mass. 10am Streamed PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 4pm Youth Prom. 7pm Prom: Recordare Chamber Choir.
- Tues No 8.30am Morning Prayer or 9am Mass. 7pm Arlington Association AGM, St James' Hall. 7-9pm Corsican Brass Rehearsal.
- Wed 10am Mass. 7.30pm Proms Fringe: Clare Thompson talks about 'How TV gets us through a crisis': the media post-Covid. Free entry.
- Thurs 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15-7pm Office session. 7.30pm Cantallini rehearsal.
- Fri Proms: 7pm Prom: Dowland Works with Dame Emma Kirby. 9pm Prom: Clare Booth.
- Sat 10.30am Lambe Tableau rehearsal. 7.30pm Prom: Haydn Chamber Orchestra with Yoon Chung, soloist playing Beethoven's Prometheus Overture and Piano Concerto No3 and Schubert's Symphony No6.
- Sun 19 TRINITY 16/WILLIAM LAMBE 450th ANNIVERSARY 8am Mass. 10am Streamed PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL with Canon Michael Rawson of Southwark Cathedral and the Corvus Consort. 12noon LAMBE'S FEAST.

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

- Sun 12 TRINITY 15 Karensa, Amariah Greenaway; Lucy Haire, Sam Lewis
- Mon 13 DEL Week 24 Mark and Norah Hodge; Alastair Hume
- Tues 14 Holy Cross Day Rob, Rebecca, Evelyn and Alice Holtom
- Wed 15 St Cyprian Kris Hyde; Matt, Nicole and Eve Jean-Baptiste
- Thurs 16 St Ninian Hayley, Theo and Freddie Jenkins; Eddie Jenkyns
- Fri 17 Hildegard Grace and Elrose Joseph; Miranda Jules; Beryl Lloyd
- Sat 18 Feria Eva, Roy, Jerome and Zuri Kasella; Philip Kingston
- Sun 19 TRINITY 16 Charlotte, Josh, Olivia and Alfie Kennedy



PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

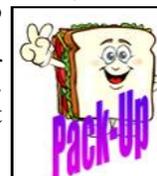
BIRTHDAYS Many Happy Returns this week to our great flower arranger Norah Hodge on Monday; on Thursday to Shirley Chinery and to Ken Thompson; on Friday to Kerri Allen and to Charlie Seabrook who will be 12; and on Saturday to our retiring Assistant Treasurer, Alastair Hume. Happy days all.

SICK Darren Bavington, Christopher Browne, Jennifer Franich, Peter Freeth, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, Ed Pereira, Tayah Phillips, John Roden (operation last Thursday), John Scott, Charlie Sharpe and Lyn Thompson.

MEMORIALS Today: Dinah Jerome; 14th: Tom Burgess.

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. We also pray for the civil rights lawyer **Nasrin Sotoudeh** sentenced to 30 years and 148 lashes for her work in defending those being unjustly tried in Iran today.



Open 12noon each Monday for hot lunches





PARISH MASS
For Trinity 15
September 12th

as streamed from
St James' Church
Islington N1

PARISH MASS
FOR TRINITY 15 2021

Entry Hymn: **TPI34 The Church of Christ**

[t AM262 Melcombe]

*The Church of Christ, in every age,
beset by change but Spirit led,
must claim and test it's heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.*

*Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.*

*Then let the Servant Church arise,
a caring Church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.*

*We have no mission but to serve,
in full obedience to Our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating Word.* (Words: F Pratt Green)

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

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleansing the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession

Ordinary Time

As we come to celebrate the presence of Christ, in word and in sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sin.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought, word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from all our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us 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

All-knowing God, nothing escapes your notice. Everything we think or do is known to you. Take from us our hope of deceiving you. Fill us with strength and integrity so that whatever our feelings, our words and our actions may serve your just and holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sit

The Word of God

1st Reading: (Isaiah 50: 5-9a) The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together? Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

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

Psalm 116:

Psalm

Refrain:

O Word of God, come in - to this space. O Word of God,
God, come send us your grace. O - pen our minds; show us your
truth. Trans - form our lives a - new.

I love the Lord for he has heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.
Because he turned his ear to me
I will call on him as long as I live. **(R)**

The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.
Then I called on the name of the Lord. **(R)**

How can I repay the Lord
for all his goodness to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord. **(R)**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord. **(R)**

2nd Reading: (2 Corinthians 11: 23-29, 12: 9-10) Are they ministers of Christ? Then I am a better one: with far greater labours, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death.

Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false

brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked. And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches.

Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not indignant? but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

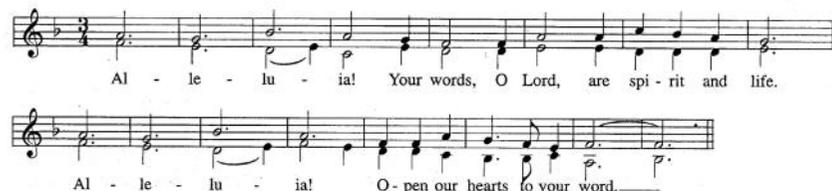
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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:



Al - le - lu - ia! Your words, O Lord, are spi - rit and life.

Al - le - lu - ia! O - pen our hearts to your word.

We say together:

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord. No one can come to the Father except through me.

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 Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

(St Mark 8: 27-end) Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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**

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

Offertory Hymn: **AM593 At the name of Jesus** [t AM593ii Camberwell]

*At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.*

*Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last.
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.*

*In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true:
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.*

*Truly this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with the Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.* (Words: Caroline Noel)

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.**

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at
this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Remain standing **Eucharistic Prayer E**

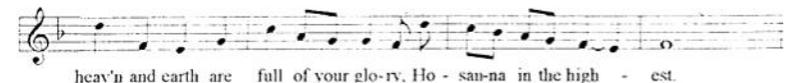
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

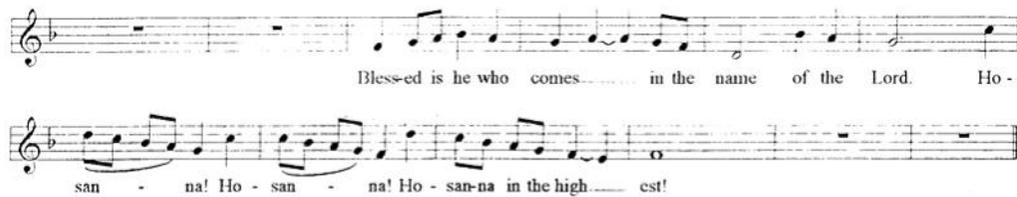
It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to
give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal
God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the very beginning of time you sent your Spirit to bring order from chaos,
hope from despair.

In Jesus you have taught us not to grow fearful in the face of pain
and disappointment but to remain steadfast to him, showing in our bodies
the cost of carrying his cross by caring without reward for all those in need.

May we walk with greater confidence in the ways of faith that lead to you so
that we may reach our true home and come, with the angels and all the
choirs of heaven, to sing for ever the song of your glory:





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:



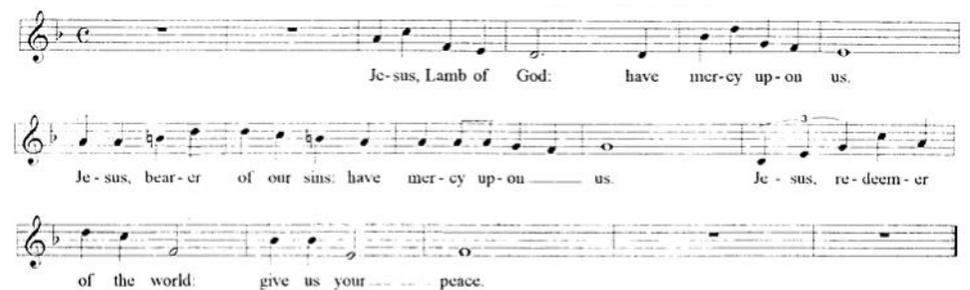
Lord's Prayer

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;
in 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 in one bread.

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

Anthem: *Jesus, joy of our desiring*

[Music: JS Bach; Words Robert Bridges]

*Jesu, joy of our desiring,
holy wisdom, love most bright.
Drawn by thee our soul's aspiring,
soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashioned
With the fire of life impassioned
Striving still to truth unknown,
soaring, dying round thy throne.*

*Through the way where hope is guiding
hark, what peaceful music rings.
where the flock, in thee confiding,
drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure:
theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure:
in the love of joys unknown.*

Communion Antiphon:

The cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ; and the bread which we break is a communion with the body of the Lord.

Post Communion

God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this 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

Blessing

Dismissal

Stand

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

Final Hymn: **TP74 Jesus, Prince and Saviour**

[t AM758 St Gertrude]

***Jesus, Prince and Saviour, Lord of life who died;
Christ the friend of sinners, sinners crucified,
for a lost world's ransom, all himself he gave,
lay at last death's victim, lifeless in the grave.
Lord of life, triumphant, risen now to reign!
King of endless ages, Jesus lives again!***

***In his power and Godhead every victory won;
pain and passion ended, all his purpose done.
Christ the Lord is risen! Sighs and sorrow past,
death's dark night is over, morning comes at last!
Lord of life, triumphant, risen now to reign!
King of endless ages, Jesus lives again!***

***Resurrection morning! Sinner's bondage freed;
Christ the Lord is risen - he is risen indeed!
Jesus, Prince and Saviour, Lord of life who died,
Christ the King of glory, now is glorified!
Lord of life, triumphant, risen now to reign!
King of endless ages, Jesus lives again!***

(Words: Timothy Dudley Smith)

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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.