



Sunday 26 April 2022

EASTER 2

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22/17

Welcomer: Ken Thompson
Reader: Lucy Haire
Interceder: Eddie Jenkyns
Euch Min: Hilary Roden
Coffee: Isabel Nisbet

Music:
Entry TP28 Father, now behold us
Gradual AM358 Be still
Baptism AM656 He's got the whole world
Offertory AM494 I, the Lord
P-Comm AM489 From heaven you came
Final AM209 Love's redeeming
Mass Mass of All Nations

ST JAMES
Islington N1 8PH

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.



BACK TO NORMAL? It is so good to feel we are getting back to our usual bread and butter activities after Covid! Today one of those activities is the welcome baptism of Evie George-Jeanna Kathleen Jenkins, sister to Theo and Freddie. And if you are wondering about her second name, it is in tribute to her great grandparents, the late George and the still very present Jean Smith (William Congreve Mews)! George sadly died in August of last year and is remembered locally for his dedicated collections for the Royal British Legion. This is quite a year for the family as we also look forward to Theo making his First Holy Communion this summer.



EASTER How wonderful to have such fantastic weather on Easter Day! No wind meant that the Paschal Candle got lit first time and Thomas Gerbeaux was able to capture the children bringing the Candle up to the front of Church for the new website - and their excitement during the Easter Egg hunt at the end!

ORGAN PROJECT The new cupboard underneath the organ platform was made safe on Tuesday with proper floorboards and vital remedial work on the wooden screen. What we also discovered was some graffiti! Until the mid 1960s the area now known as the flower vestry was the place where the young choirboys changed into their cassocks and surplices. But they also carved their initials in the organ screen woodwork! Unfortunately we don't know too much about the Choir here. We have just one example of 'Choristers Chirping', the choir magazine, dated December 1943, edited by the choirmaster Vernon Cartwright, as nearly all our records were lost in the war. Like Ukraine...



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION It seems to have been harder than usual to find dates for the preparation sessions for our young people making their First Communion this year. That is because we are offering the sessions on Sunday mornings after the 10am Mass - and there are so many other events which are taking place in the early summer. So the plan at the moment is for the six Sunday morning sessions to be available in three pairs of sessions: May 1st and May 8th; May 22nd and May 29th; June 12th and June 19th with the First Communions themselves on Sunday June 26th. This gives us space for the AGM on May 15th and the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and also Mohammed Bagheri's baptism at Pentecost on June 5th! The FC dates are all open for discussion but the First Communicants must attend each of the six sessions.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING We now have four weeks before our AGM on Sunday May 15th. On that occasion we set the scene for what needs to happen over the next twelve months and beyond. The more people who take part in that process the more successful it will be. There are two requests:

Electoral Roll If you have been attending St James' for the past six months and would like to be included in our membership list, please ask for an Electoral Roll form. These need to be in today.

Membership of the PCC: We are looking to strengthen the PCC for the challenges of the next couple of years. Do ask either of our Churchwardens for more details.

SAVE THE DATE We are organizing a joint trip to Southwark Cathedral with our friends from St John's Duncan Terrace on Saturday June 11th. This is for all ages. More details to come.

THIS WEEK

Sun EASTER 2 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL, together with the BAPTISM of Evie Jenkins.
Mon 6-9pm Freddie Crowley rehearsal.
Tues No 8.30am Morning Prayer. No 9am Mass. 7-9pm Corsican Brass rehearsal. Fr John at St Martin's Bradford taking a funeral.
Wed 10am Mass. 6.30-8.30pm Some Voices rehearsal.
Thurs 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15pm Office session. 7-9pm Cantallini.
Fri 11am Margaret Thompson's art exhibition goes up.
Sun 1 EASTER 3 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. PARISH AGM postponed to Sunday 15th May. 11.15am First Communion preparation begins.

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 24 EASTER 2 Nick, Matilda and Barnaby Powell; Rosemary Ross
Mon 25 DEL Easter 2 Helen Schofield; Sam, Joe, Charlie and Isla Seabrook
Tues 26 St George M Song and Jess I; Francis and Shweta Slynn
Wed 27 Christine Rosetti Susan and Eric Sorensen; Vera Taggart
Thurs 28 Feria Fr Stephen Taylor; Stuart, Joemil and Siena Taylor
Fri 29 St Catherine of Siena Ken and Margaret Thompson; Fr Victor de Waal
Sat 30 Feria Fr Jim Walters; Kathryn Wark; Tim Willis
Sun 1 EASTER 3 Belle Williams, Tom, Poppy, Pearl and Bow Wheatley

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Many Happy returns on Saturday to Danni Green, still trying to get a house swap so she can move back to Islington with her daughter Nylah.

SICK Sarah Ansah, Stephanie Cowles, Jennifer Franich, Peter Freeth, Charity Garnett, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe and Mary Whalley.

DEPARTED It is with great sadness that we record the death of Lyn Thompson, Kerri Sabine's mother, who died on Wednesday. We send our love to Kerry, Chris, Ben and Abigail at this very sad time.

MEMORIALS Today: Rose Baker (2020); 27th: Barbara Turnbull (2013); 29th: Thomas Lloyd; 30th: Vicki Simmons (2019).

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

FORPEACE We continue to pray for the safety of the humanitarian convoys attempting to leave Mariupol and other eastern Ukrainian cities.



Open from 12 noon each Monday.



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.





PARISH MASS  
for Easter 2 and the Baptism  
of Evie George-Jeana  
Kathleen Jenkins  
Sunday April 24th 2022

as streamed from  
St James' Church  
Islington N1

PARISH MASS FOR 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER  
together with the baptism of Evie George-Jeana Kathleen Jenkins

Entry Hymn: **TP28 Father, now behold us** [t AM397 North Coates]

*Father, now behold us and this child we pray;  
in your love enfold us, wash our sins away.*

*Christ's eternal blessing for this life we claim;  
faith, by ours professing, signed in Jesus' name.*

*By the Spirit tended, childhood grow to youth;  
from all ill defended, full of grace and truth.*

*God of all creation, stoop from heaven's throne,  
and by Christ's salvation make this child your own.*

(Words: Timothy Dudley Smith) [t Crimond]

**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.**

*All sit. Evie's family bring her to the front of the Church*

**THE PREPARATION AND WELCOME**

*The family are introduced to the congregation. They then present their child to the priest by  
name: (This is ... Evie)*

What do you want for her?

**We want her to be baptised.**

*The family return to their seats.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we  
must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as a sign  
and seal of this new birth.

Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed  
with Christ, dying to sin that we may have his risen life. As children of God,  
we have a new dignity as he calls us to fullness of life.

*We remain sitting for a moment of silence during which we recall those things we  
would like God to forgive. Then we say this prayer together:*

Loving God, we know our sins have upset you. We have hurt you and the people we know by our words, by our thoughts and by our actions. We are very sorry for all these things. They make us selfish and they break our friendship with you.

By the power of Jesus who died on the Cross, forgive us for everything that we have done wrong in the past. Wash away our sin and make us your friends, now and for ever. Amen.

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins and assure us of his eternal love, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stand

Gloria

Gloria **NMP175** Glory be to God in heaven [t AM231 Regent Square]

Glory be to God in heaven,  
and to all on earth his peace,  
Lord and Father, King in glory,  
gifts of praise in us release  
that our worship and thanksgiving  
from our hearts will never cease.

Christ incarnate, born of Mary  
to redeem, renew, restore;  
risen Lamb, in glory seated,  
hear our prayers, Lord, we implore:  
to the Father, Son and Spirit,  
may our praise sound evermore.

(Words: John Richards ed JB)

Our prayer for today, the Second Sunday of Easter

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.

### THE WORD OF GOD

*1st Reading:* (Acts 5: 27-32) They brought the Apostles and had them stand before the Council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in the name of Jesus, yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority.

The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for the Gradual Hymn: **AM358** Be still for the presence

Be still, for the presence of the Lord  
the Holy One, is here.  
Come bow before him now;  
in reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found,  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all round;  
he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place;  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him,  
in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place. (Words: David J Evans)

A short time of silence follows as we reflect on all we have heard.

Let us stand and welcome the Gospel.

We sing:

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:

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

We sing once more: **Alleluia. Your words, O Lord...**

## Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glorify 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.**

## The Address

### THE BAPTISM

*The family bring Evie to the front of the Church where they stand with Evie's godparents, facing the congregation. One of the godparents holds the Paschal Candle.*

*The priest then says to the whole congregation:*

My friends, will you welcome Evie and actively support her in her new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

*To Evie's family and godparents he says:*

The Church welcomes Evie with great joy. Today we are trusting God to bless her as she grows in faith. Will you pray for her?

Will you encourage her by your example as she begins to find her own place in the Church and discover the joy of being a friend of Jesus?

**With the help of God, we will.**

All of us like light more than dark. Candles remind us that the light of Christ will always be better than the darkness that comes when we sin. Jesus is the Light of the world, God's Son and he is the one who make things better. Because Jesus died on the Cross, all the wrong things we have done can be forgiven. He paid the price for all our sins and in this way reveals both his love and his goodness.

So at a Christening, God calls us out of the darkness of the past so that we can start again in the light of his friendship. To be a Christian means leaving sin behind and accepting a new life with him. As a sign of this new beginning I am going to ask Evie's parents and god-parents:

Do you turn to Jesus as your friend? **I do.**

Do you repent of all your sins? **I do.**

Do you promise to fight against temptation, sin and evil wherever you find it? **I do.**

Now Christ claims Evie for his own. Receive the sign of the † Cross.

Do not be ashamed to tell others about the faith of Jesus who was crucified. **Fight with all your strength as a disciple of Christ against sin and all that is evil and remain a faithful friend of Jesus to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness † make you pure as he is pure and lead you to follow the light of Christ, now and every day. **Amen.**

*As the Paschal Candle is carried down to the back of Church, Evie's family and god-parents follow this symbol of the Light of Christ to the Font. We invite everyone, especially children, to join us.*

*Processional Hymn: **AM656 He's got the whole world***

**He's got the whole world in his hands.**

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**He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**He's got you and me, brother, in his hand.**

**He's got you and me, brother, in his hand.**

**He's got you and me, brother, in his hand.**

**He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**He got you and me, sister, in his hand.  
He got you and me, sister, in his hand.  
He got you and me, sister, in his hand.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**He's got the little tiny baby in his hand.  
He's got the little tiny baby in his hand.  
He's got the little tiny baby in his hand.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**He's got everybody here in his hand.  
He's got everybody here in his hand.  
He's got everybody here in his hand.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.** (Words: African-American traditional)

*At the Font:*

God uses water to give his divine life to those who believe in him. Let us turn to him and ask him to pour his gift of new life onto Evie whom he has chosen.

Praise God who made heaven and earth;  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Lord of the heavens, we bless your name for all your servants  
who have been a sign of your grace through the ages.  
Hope of the saints,  
**make known your glory.**

You called Abraham to journey in faith to a country he did not know.  
You delivered Noah from the waters of destruction  
and made a covenant with him, sealed in the sign of a rainbow.  
You divided the waters of the sea and through the leadership of Moses  
led your people into the Promised Land.  
Hope of the saints,  
**make known your glory.**  
You made a new covenant in the blood of your Son,  
that all who confess his name may, by the Holy Spirit,  
receive a pledge of the kingdom of heaven  
and share in his divine nature.  
Hope of the saints,  
**make known your glory.**

Fill these waters, we pray, with the power of that same Spirit,  
that Evie and all who enter them may be reborn  
and rise from the grave to new life in Christ.  
Hope of the saints,  
**make known your glory.**

As the apostles and prophets, the confessors and martyrs,  
faithfully served you in their generation,  
may we be built into an eternal dwelling for you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

But before Evie is baptised, we need to hear from you, her parents,  
godparents and friends, what it is that you believe:

**I believe and trust in God the Father who made the world.  
I believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ  
who died for our sins and has won for us a place in heaven.  
I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit  
who lives and works with us every day.**

This then is our faith:

**We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Now there is nothing to stop those who believe and trust in God from being  
baptised:

Evie George-Jeana Kathleen, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of  
the Son of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*After Evie has been baptised, she is wrapped in a towel or christening robe:*

Evie, today you have 'put on Christ'. May he guard and protect you all the  
days of your life, and lead you, one day, into his home in heaven.

*The priest anoints Evie:*

Evie, may God who has received you into his friendship by baptism pour upon  
you the riches of his grace, that with Christians everywhere, you may be filled  
each day with his † anointing Spirit, and come to enjoy the promise of life  
eternal in heaven. **Amen.**

*We remain standing for the Prayers*

*At the end we say:*

**God of grace and life, in your love you have given us a place among  
your people; keep us faithful to our baptism, and prepare us for that  
glorious day when the whole of creation may be made perfect in  
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth, we join our prayers with  
Our Lady, St James and all the saints in glory. Merciful Father:  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus  
Christ. Amen.**

## The Peace

We are baptised into Christ: let us love by the Spirit of Christ.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**And also with you. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*The Christening party and the whole congregation return to their places.*

Offertory 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)

## 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 all 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 sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept this sacrifice at our hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and for the good of all his Church.**

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

## THE 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 everywhere to give you thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise, Lord God of heaven and earth, because you are continually renewing the face of the earth, changing and transforming it in the light of Christ's glorious resurrection.

As once the disciples cowered behind closed doors and were healed by your presence in the Upper Room, so we seek your gift of peace and forgiveness so that, with the Church in every continent and nation, we may lift our voices to sing your Easter glory until that day when, with all the angels and archangels and the whole company on earth and in heaven, we stand before your throne of grace, for ever praising you and singing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My  
In God's name is com - ing the One whom we call Bles - sed. Ho -



heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.  
sann - a in the high - est. Praise and thanks to God.

*Sit/Kneel*

Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.  
The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it to his disciples and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

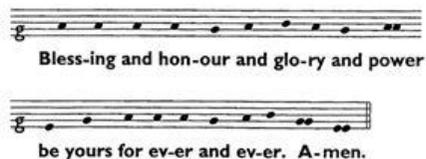
Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:



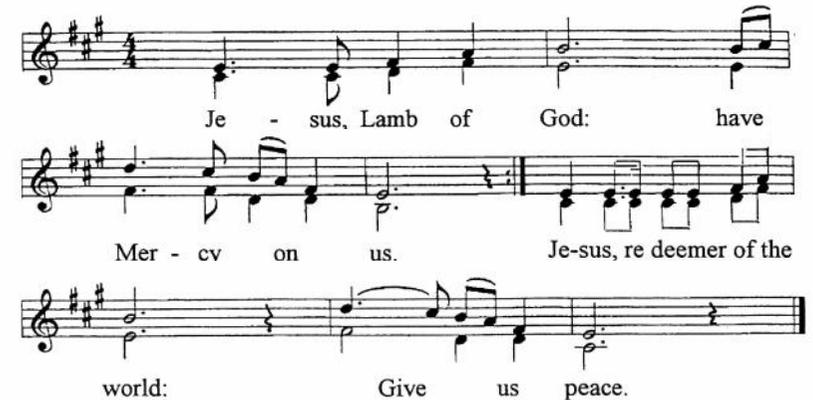
**The Lord's Prayer**

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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.**

**Agnus Dei**



**Invitation to Communion**

Come and kneel at the altar of God, not because you are strong but because you are weak. Come not because any goodness of your own gives you the right to come but because you need mercy and help. Come because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come because he loves you, and gave himself for you.

Lift up your hearts above the cares and fears and let this bread and wine be to you the token of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, all meant for you if you will accept them in humble faith.

For this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are they who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you:  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*At the time of Communion, please feel free to come forward to the rail - either for communion or for a blessing. Jesus invites everyone, you too! If you have not been admitted to Communion in this - or in any other - Church, please bring this service booklet with you. Afterwards we keep as quiet as possible as we remember the presence of Christ among us.*

## After Communion

Post Communion Hymn: **AM489 From heaven you came**

**From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered the world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.**

**There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'yet not my will but yours', he said.**

**Come, see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.**

**So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.** (Words and Music: Graham Kendrick)

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 the risen 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

### The Lighted Candle

*A lighted candle is brought to the front of Church*

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of day and night.  
By the light of Christ, your living Word,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts  
that we may walk as children of light  
and sing your praise throughout the world!

**Come, light of the world, come light up our lives;  
come, light of the world, light up our hearts.  
Dispel all darkness, remove our blindness;  
come, light of the world, be light for our eyes.**

*The priest gives one of Evie's family a lighted candle.*

Evie, today you have received the light of Christ;  
walk in his light all the days of your life.  
**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The family take Evie back to their place at the front of Church*

## Blessing

May the strength of the wind and the light of the sun,  
the softness of the rain and the mystery of the moon  
reach you and fill you.  
May beauty delight you and happiness uplift you,  
may wonder fulfil you and love surround you.  
May your step be steady and your arm be strong,  
may your heart be peaceful and your word be true.  
May you seek to learn, may you learn to live,  
may you live to love, and may you love - always.

And so may the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

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

Final Hymn: **AM209 Love's redeeming work is done** [t. Savannah]

**Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,  
lo, he sets in blood no more.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?  
dying once, he all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?**

**Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise;  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the Resurrection Thou!** (Words: Charles Wesley)



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.