



Sunday 8 May 2022

EASTER 4

Year C

22/19

Welcomer: Hilary Roden
 Reader: Sergio Munoz and Rosemary Ross
 Interceder: Isabel Nisbet
 Euch Min: Hilary Roden
 Coffee: Eva Kasella
Music:
 Entry AM566 Put peace
 R Psalm Psalm 23
 Offertory AM559 God of freedom
 P-Comm *A Gaelic Blessing John Rutter*
 Final AM575 When I needed a n.
 Mass Burley Mass

ST JAMES

Islington N1 8PH

Collect: Lord Jesus Christ, you came not as a mighty king but as the Prince of Peace, the promised deliverer. Bring peace among all nations at war, that with respect and love we may bring your kingdom here in earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



ST JAMES' UKRAINE APPEAL

For the next four weeks there will be opportunities for members of St James' to support those affected by war in Ukraine.

Envelopes will be available to enable donations to be Gift-Aided.

Please give generously.

PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE have been included in each of our Masses since the Russian invasion of Ukraine took place on 24th February. Today we look at some of the more difficult underlying issues that divide Russia from the rest of Europe so that our prayers are as well informed as possible. And we will match our prayers for peace with God's compassion for all who are suffering in this dreadful war.

ARENA104 was published on Thursday and it was so full of events we had to leave some things out. Please do read Arena! With such a geographically wide-spread congregation it is the only way to make sure everyone knows what is happening.

WW YD?

AGM 2022 Just one week to go before we convene as the People of God in this parish to look at all the challenges that face us over the next couple of years. At the heart of all this is the WWYD? initiative. 'What will you do?' is about shared responsibility for the life of St James' as we undergo an essential sea-change, moving from a largely centralised way of operating to a more dispersed and shared way of running the Church. There are also some big decisions to be made at the AGM - from the recruitment of a PCC secretary and a paid youth worker to whether we should spend some of Jill Hetherington's kind bequest on repairing and re-staining the Church pews. Reports and financial statement are on the back table for you to take away. So are nomination forms!!



THANK YOU! So good on Thursday to see most of the Smith family - our links in Texas - the boys visiting the UK/Arsenal for the first time. And they brought a very generous donation for the children of St James'. We have a plan to spend some of this during the parish trip booked for June 11th!

THIS WEEK

Sun **EASTER 4/Ukraine Appeal** 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.
 Mon 7.30pm *Lieder Group*
 Tues No 8.30am Morning Prayer or 9am Mass. 10.30am Proms Committee meeting. 7-9pm *Coriscan Brass*.
 Wed 10am Mass. 10.30-6pm *Almeida Theatre*.
 Thurs 10-6pm *Almeida Theatre*. 5.15 FC1 Mohammed Bagheri, Vicarage. 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15pm Office session. 7-9pm *Cantallini*.
 Sun 15 **EASTER 5/AGM** 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 11.15am 2022 PARISH AGM. 7pm *Sonare Concert*.



HORIZONS NEAR AND FAR

is the title that Margaret Thomson has given to her new one-woman show, in Church until June 29th. Guides available. The chance to (drink and) talk to Margaret about her work is set for Monday 16th, 6pm.

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 8 **EASTER 4** Chris, Katja, Arnold and Egon Carter; Dionne Carter
 Mon 9 **DEL Easter 4** Shirley Chinery; Alex, Claire, Kaitlin and Oliver Church
 Tues 10 **Feria** Cyril Daley; Dennis Davis; Adam Dickson
 Wed 11 **Feria** Sophie Duffy, James, Reggie and Olive
 Thurs 12 **Gregory Dix** Amy Eldon-Richier, Scott, Freddie and Callum Kinch
 Fri 13 **Feria** Luigi, Jane, Luca, Francesca, Matteo and Gloria Falconi
 Sat 14 **St Matthias, Ap** Weini and Ethan Faloppa; Wendy Fisher-Gordon
 Sun 15 **EASTER 5** Veronica Ferrando, Andrea, Anita, Diana, Orlando Losito

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Many Happy returns today to one of our most regular web-streaming members, Miranda Jules, in Witham; on Monday to Churchwarden and Cantor Isabel Nisbet; on Wednesday to Arnold Carter, newly enrolled on the 1st Communicant course who will be 9 and on Friday (13th!) to twins Orlando and Diana Losito who will be 4, a day they share with Charlie Green who will be 9. Happy days all. .

BANNS We publish the Banns of Marriage between Edward James Impey and Charlotte Poppy Ashcroft, both single and of this parish with a QC with St Mary's, Frencham, Surrey; and between Thomas James Lambert and Tegen Morwenna Evans, both single and of this parish with a QC with St Gregory's, Bedale, North Yorkshire; and between Owen Benedict William Silk and Katherine Elizabeth Tonks, both single and of this parish with a QC with Chelsea Old Church. These are for the 2nd time of asking.

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

MEMORIALS 14th: Revd Melanie Toogood (2021), a former resident of St James' Close and Vicar of St George's Church, Tufnell Park.

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

FOR PEACE We continue to pray for a ceasefire and for the safety of the humanitarian convoys attempting to leave Mariupol and other eastern Ukrainian cities and for the work of the UN. We pray for the success of our fund-raising appeal.



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 4
Prayers for Ukraine
May 8th 2022

as streamed from
St James' Church
Islington N1

PARISH MASS FOR EASTER 4 2022

Entry Hymn: **AM566 Put peace into each other's hands** [t AM463 Ach Gott]

*Put peace into another's hands
and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.*

*Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.*

*Put peace into each other's hands,
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.*

*Reach out in friendship, stay with faith
in touch with those around you.
Put peace into each other's hands:
the Peace that sought and found you.* (Words: Fred Kaan)

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

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart,
I will tell of all your wonderful works.
**In your presence my enemies are driven back,
they stumble and fall.**

You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked,
You have blotted out any memory of them.
**For the Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,
a refuge in time of trouble.**

Those who know your name will put their trust in you,
for you, Lord, have never failed those who trust in you.
**Sing praises to the Lord who lives in Zion;
declare among the people all his wonderful deeds.** (Psalm 9)

Confession

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins for the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Collect

God of the prophets, you fulfilled your promise that your Son would suffer and then rise again. Grow in us a love for your Word that with power from on high we may fill our days with praise and thanksgiving. Grant this through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Sit

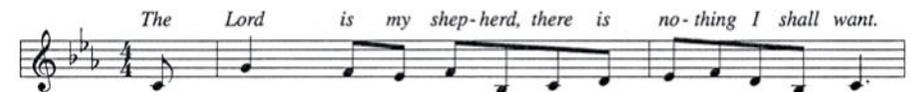
The Word of God

*1st Reading: (1 Peter 2: 9-12) But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Stay sitting for the Psalm:

Psalm 23

Refrain



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters. **(R)**

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways
for his names' sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me, your rod and your staff they comfort me. **(R)**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **(R)**

2nd Reading: (Revelation 7: 9-17) After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.'

Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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 Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know 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 John
Glory to you, O Lord.

(St John 14: 23-27) Jesus said, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid.'

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: **AM59 God of freedom, God of justice**

[t Rhuddlan]

**God of freedom, God of justice,
you whose love is strong as death,
you who faced such vile corruption,
you who knew the price of faith -
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.**

**Rid the earth of war and terror,
tanks and missiles swathed in mud,
hear the cries of pain and protest,
you who shed both tears and blood -
move in us the power of pity
restless for each nation's good.**

**Raise in us a stronger conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers
of whatever race or creed -
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's need.**

(Words: Shirley Erena Murray, ed JB)

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 loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup
of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our
Saviour and our shepherd. **Amen.**

Remain standing

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

God of the living and the dead,
in your Son we see the cost of love and the price of peace.
Uphold those who are in the midst of war;
and strengthen those who bear the scars of conflict.

Bring understanding, forgiveness and reconciliation
between enemies and rival nations,
conflicting ideologies and bitter disputes
so that the day may come when swords are laid down
and all your people may stand with the angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven
for ever singing these hymns to your glory:

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 or kneel

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.

Fraction

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

Kiev Lord's Prayer arr David Stancliffe

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name Thy king - dom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai - ty bread,
and for - give us our tres - pass - es, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.
And lead us not in - to temp - tation, but de - liv er us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom the power and the glory for ev er and ev - er. A - men.

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

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy up - on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy up - on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er
of the world: give us your peace.

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

Choir Anthem: A Gaelic blessing

John Rutter

*Deep peace of the running wave to you,
deep peace of the flowing air to you,
deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
deep peace of the shining stars to you.*

*Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you,
deep peace of Christ to you.*

Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd is risen! He who laid down his life for the sheep, who
died for his flock, he is risen. Alleluia.

Post Communion:

Father, eternal shepherd, watch over the flock redeemed by the blood of Christ and lead us to the promised land. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Banns of Marriage and Community Notices

Stand

Blessing

May Christ the Good shepherd, guard and protect us; may he lead us safety and grow in us a desire that the whole human race may know his voice and be part of his sheepfold; and the blessing..

Dismissal

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

Final Hymn: **AM575 When I needed a neighbour** [t Neighbour]

**When I needed a neighbour were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?**

**I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there? And the creed...**

**I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there? And the creed...
When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter, were you there? And the creed...**

**Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there,
wherever you travel, I'll be there. And the creed...**

(Words: Sydney Carter)



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