



Sunday 22 May 2022

EASTER 6

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22/21

Welcomer: Isabel Nisbet
 Readers: Shirley Chinery and Eddie Jenkyns
 Interceder: Lucy Haire
 Euch Min: Isabel Nisbet
 Coffee: Rosemary Ross
Music:
 Entry AM523 We give God thanks
 Gradual TP80 Lay your hands
 Offertory AM520 Thine arm, O Lord
 P-Comm L340 My soul proclaims you
 Final AM680 In Christ there is no east
 Mass Burley Mass

ST JAMES

Islington N1 8PH

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

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Just twenty of us met after Mass last Sunday but still important decisions were able to be made and good news shared. Susan Sorensen, who has transformed our accounts over the last ten years, gave her final report as she stands down at the end of this calendar year. But amazingly she was able to announce that, due to healthy investment income, the loss for the year - despite Covid - had been kept to just £1000 despite the fact that we had paid our Common Fund bill of £86k in full. We cannot but be grateful to everyone who has made this possible, However I do want to repeat my thanks to Susan who has juggled all the many parts of our complicated financial portfolio with such skill. * We made two big decisions at the end of the meeting. The first was to use some of Jill Hetherington's legacy to repair and re-stain the Church pews. The second was to continue the policy of giving Holy Communion by intinction for the foreseeable future. The level of unease about returning to sharing the chalice was overwhelming. What we did NOT manage to do was fill a lot of vacant spaces on the PCC!

ASCENSION SUNDAY 'MUSICAL VESPERS' (Sunday May 29th) To celebrate this major day in the Church's year, Sergio Munoz has translated a sequence of beautiful meditations and chosen some powerful pictures and music for use at Musical Vespers that night. This quiet evening service of peace and reflection starts at 6.30pm.

TRIP TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL AND GREENWICH Each year the Roman Catholic parish of St John's, Duncan Terrace and the Anglican parish of St James', Prebend Street go 'on pilgrimage' to a London Cathedral or major Church during Unity Week. Previous occasions have included Westminster Abbey, St Paul's and Westminster Cathedral. On **June 11th** we have arranged to visit Southwark Anglican Cathedral and then take a short boat ride to Greenwich for a picnic lunch. The Cathedral tour starts at 10am and ends with a short service. This is designed for all ages and physical abilities - and all the activities are free. It should be an interesting trip so please do join us on the 11th if you can.



THE ORGAN Colin Peacock from Renatus was with us on Wednesday morning, measuring up the platform over-hang so that he can match the mouldings in the chancel. He also brought pictures of the remodelled console with its twelve new stops!



WATER MUSIC Isabel teams up with her friend Rhidian Jones for an hour of music and readings this evening at 7pm. Proceeds will go to support the brilliant outreach work of the Canal Boat Trust.

THIS WEEK

ST JAMES' UKRAINE APPEAL

For the next two 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.

Sun 22 **EASTER 6 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 11.30-4pm Palisander Rehearsal. 7pm Isabel Nisbet recital 'To be sure on the water'.**
 Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass.
 Wed 10am Mass. 7-8.30pm *Some Voices rehearsal.*
 Thurs 5.15pm FC1 Mohammed Bagheri, Church. 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15pm Office session. 7pm PCC meeting. 7.9pm *Cantallini.*
 Sat 6pm *Spaghetti Duetti, a fund-raising concert for the Samaritans.*
 Sun 29 **ASCENSION SUNDAY 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 6.30pm Musical Vespers for Ascensiontide.**

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 22 **EASTER 6** Rebecca, Rob, Evelyn and Alice Holtom; Kris Hyde
 Mon 23 **DEL Easter 6** Matt, Nicole and Eve Jean-Baptiste; Eddie Jenkyns
 Tues 24 *John and Charles Wesley* Hayley, Theo, Freddie and Evie Jenkins
 Wed 25 *Ven Bede* Grace and Elrose Joseph; Miranda Jules
 Thurs 26 *Feria* Eva, Roy, Jerome and Zuri Kasella; Beryl Lloyd
 Fri 27 *Feria* Charlotte, Josh, Olivia and Alfie Kennedy
 Sat 28 *Lanfranc, bishop* Kingsley Lewis and Pauline McGovern; Peter Lisle
 Sun 29 **ASCENSION SUNDAY** Matai Mathew and Eilyn Evans; McBrien clan

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Many Happy returns today to Mae Dennison who is 7, on Tuesday to Sunday School leader Laura Roden; on Thursday to Sam Lewis who will be 14; on Friday to Bishop Joanne and on Saturday to Paula Morrison.

WEDDING We send our warmest congratulations to Scott Kinch and to Amy Eldon-Richier who are to be married in a civil ceremony in Windsor on Saturday. We wish them a lifetime of happiness with Freddie and Callum.

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

MEMORIALS 22nd: Joseph Daley (2001), John Willis (2019); 24th Geoff Prendergast (2012); 25th: Alison Nisbet (2002); 26th: Dave Collins (2020); 27th: Harry Walker (2007), Sheila Chapman (2007).

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. **FORPEACE** We continue to pray for a ceasefire and for the safety of the humanitarian convoys attempting to give safe passage to civilians in eastern and southern Ukraine 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 6
May 22nd 2022

as streamed from
St James' Church
Islington N1

PARISH MASS FOR EASTER 6 2022

Entry Hymn: **AM523 We give God thanks**

[t. AM507 Fulda]

*We give God thanks for those who knew
the touch of Jesus' healing love;
they trusted him to make them whole,
to share the strength of heaven above.*

*We offer prayers for all who work,
serving like Christ both rich and poor;
to help the anxious and the ill,
to heal their wounds, their lives restore.*

*We dedicate our skills and time
to those who struggle to believe,
to bring such comfort as we can
to meet their pain, their need relieve.*

*So Jesus' touch of healing grace
lives in our willingness to care;
in service to the world, we prove
his love is seen in all we share.*

(Words: Michael Perry adapted JB)

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen:
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

Words of Preparation

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
**not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ, once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.
**In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.**

For as by man came death;
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
**For as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive!**

Confession

Easter Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart

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

May the God of love and power forgive you and free us from 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.*

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

Sit

The Word of God

1st Reading: (Acts 16: 9-15) During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us. 'When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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

Stay sitting for the Gradual Hymn: TP80 Lay your hands

*Lay your hands gently upon us,
let their touch render your peace,
let them bring your forgiveness and healing,
lay your hands gently, lay your hands.*

*You were sent to free the broken-hearted.
You were sent to give sight to the blind.
You desire to heal all our illness.
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands. Lay your hands...*

*Lord, we come to you through one another.
Lord, we come to you in all our need.
Lord, we come to you seeking wholeness.
Lay your hands gently, lay your hands. Lay your hands...*

(Words: Alan Gaunt)

2nd Reading: (Revelation 21: 10, 22 - 22: 5) In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day - and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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:

Jesus said, If anyone loves me, they will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them.

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 5: 1-9) After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids - blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.

When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

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: **AM520 Thine arm, O Lord**

[t St Matthew]

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to heal and save; it triumphed o'er disease and death, o'er darkness and the grave: to thee they went, the deaf, the dumb, the palsied and the lame, the beggar with his sightless eyes, the sick with fevered frame.

And lo, thy touch brought life and health, gave speech and strength and sight; and youth renewed and frenzy clamed owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty as of yore, in crowded street, by restless couch, as by Gennesareth's shore.

Be thou our great deliverer still, thou Lord of life and death; restore and quicken, soothe and bless, with thine almighty breath: to hands that work, and eyes that see, give wisdom heavenly lore, that whole and sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee evermore.

(Words: Edward Plumptre)

Remain standing

At the Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my friends, that our thanksgiving may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept this sacrifice from our hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

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

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.

We lift our hearts to praise you, God of glory, because in every time and
place you have shown yourself to your people, making known your plan to
dwell among us for ever.

Where once you came to the paralytic in your Temple and to the enquirer
when she turned to your disciples for help, so you reveal to us the uniqueness
of your Resurrection so that we might know your power to take away fear
and experience your liberating Gospel truth.

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

Ho - lv. ho - lv. ho - lv Lord. God of now'r and mieht.
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:
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

We bring before you this bread and this cup
and we 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

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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 - ly 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.

Fraction

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

Post Communion Hymn: **L340 My soul proclaims** [t. AM587 Amazing Grace]

*My soul proclaims you, mighty God,
my spirit sings your praise.
You look on me, you lift me up,
and gladness fills my days.*

*All nations now will share my joy;
your gifts you have outpoured.
Your little ones you have made great;
the weak you have restored.*

*For those who love your holy name,
your mercy will not die.
Your strong right arm puts down the proud
and lifts the lowly high.*

**You fill the hungry with good things,
the rich you send away.
The promise made to Abraham
will last to endless days.**

**Then let all peoples praise our God,
the Father and the Son,
the Spirit blest who lives in us,
while endless ages run.** (Words: Anne Carter)

Communion Antiphon:

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

Post Communion:

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

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

Community Notices and Blessing

Dismissal

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

Final Song: **AM680 In Christ there is no east or west** [t. AM679 Kilmarnock]

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no pride of birth,
the chosen family God has blessed
now spans the whole wide earth.**

**For God in Christ has made us one
from every land and race;
he reconciled us through his Son
and met us with his grace.**

**It is by grace we are assured
that we belong to him:
the love we share in Christ our Lord,
the Spirit's work within.**

**So brothers, sisters, praise his name
who died to set us free
from sin, division, hate and shame,
from spite and enmity!**

**In Christ there is no east or west -
he breaks all barriers down:
by Christ redeemed, by Christ possessed,
in Christ we live as one.**

(Words: Michael Perry)



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