



Sunday 15 May 2022

EASTER 5

Year C

22/20

Welcomer: Eva Kasella
Reader: Matt Jean-Baptiste
Interceder: Sam Seabrook
Euch Min: Hilary Roden
Coffee: Lucy Haire

Music:

Entry AM702 Lead us heavenly Father
Gradual AM592 As the deer
Offertory AM749 O Jesus, I have promised
P-Comm AM650 Great is thy faithfulness
Final AM739 Now thank we all our God
Mass Mass of All Nations

ST JAMES
Islington N1 8PH

Collect: Give us, we pray, gentle God, a mind forgetful of past injury, a will to seek the good of others and a heart of love, that we may learn to walk the harder road of sacrifice and peace. Grant this through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen

WELCOME TODAY TO THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



This is our first major meeting since virtually all pandemic restrictions have been lifted and so we look together at how we are faring 'after Covid' and what we need to put in place for the years leading up to our 150th celebrations in 2025.

The are two parts to the meeting: the first is the election of our Churchwardens and I am delighted to say that both Isabel and Hilary have agreed to stand again - which gives us the opportunity to thank them so very much for their care and commitment to the life and ministry of St James'.

After that we will quickly look at the current state of our finances and then, with the help of the screen, we will look at a pictorial 'Review of the Year', which will be for two years as Covid prevented us from doing this last year.

Hopefully this will encourage us to go on to ask the key question: 'WWYD?' (what will you do) as we appeal for volunteers to help us maintain—and develop—our work here at St James'. We have just eighteen months before the interregnum (the period between parish priests) and we need to be in good heart before that.

There are also some decisions to be made: the first is the use of some of the bequest given by Jill Hetherington last year. The PCC are proposing to have the pews repaired and re-stained at a cost of about £3,500. The second is to decide whether we should restore the sharing of the chalice or continue to administer communion by intinction. These need to be decided at this AGM.

ASCENSION SUNDAY 'MUSICAL VESPERS' After today the Easter Garden is removed from Church and we begin to look towards the Ascension of Christ which we keep on Sunday May 29th with the traditional release of a helium balloon after the 10am Mass. That evening we are also holding a Musical Vespers put together by Sergio Munoz (who organised the successful Lent Film Series). He has translated a sequence of beautiful meditations and chosen some powerful pictures for use in the service and of course there will be some good music too. The service starts at 6.30pm.

TRIP TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL AND GREENWICH Look out for details of the ecumenical trip to Southwark on Saturday June 11th which will also include an optional ride on the Thames and picnic in Greenwich - all free!

HORIZONS NEAR AND FAR We have already had some very positive reactions to Margaret Thompson's one-woman show, hanging in Church until June 29th. The chance to (drink and) talk to Margaret about her work is set for tomorrow evening, Monday 16th May from 6pm.



WATER MUSIC Isabel teams up with her friend Rhidian Jones for an hour of music and readings next Sunday 22nd at 7pm. Proceeds go to support the brilliant outreach work of the Canal Boat Trust.

THIS WEEK

ST JAMES' UKRAINE APPEAL

For the next three 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 EASTER 5/AGM 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 11.15am 2022 PARISH AGM. 7pm Sonare Concert.
Mon 10-1pm James Potter rehearsal. 6pm Horizons open viewing.
Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 10am Painting of the new organ loft. 7-9pm Corsican Brass.
Wed 10am Mass. 10.30am Organ screen consultation.
Thurs 5.15pm FC1 Mohammed Bagheri, Church. 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15pm Office session. 7-9pm Cantalini.
Sat 6pm Spaghetti Duetti, a fund-raising concert for the Samaritans.
Sun 22 EASTER 6 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 7pm Isabel Nisbet recital 'To be sung on the water'.

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 15 EASTER 5 Veronica Ferrando, Andrea, Anita, Diana, Orlando Losito
Mon 16 DEL Easter 5 Maria Flavivus; Jennifer and Aurny Franich
Tues 17 Feria Thomas Gerbeaux; Mark and Shireen Gilbert
Wed 18 Feria Kika Macdonald, Luke and Parker Gillman
Thurs 19 St Dunstan Mostyn, Nieve, Ilaria and Arlo Goodwin
Fri 20 St Alcuin Karensa and Amariah Greenaway; Lucy Haire, Sam Lewis
Sat 21 St Helena Mark and Norah Hodge; Alastair Hume
Sun 22 EASTER 6 Rebecca, Rob, Evelyn and Alice Holtom; Kris Hyde

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Many Happy returns today to Ivy Wilson who is 5; on Monday to Jane Falcioni and on Friday to Jennifer Franich.

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 3rd time of asking.

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

MEMORIALS 21st: Margaret Osborne (1993).

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 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
Easter 4
May 15th 2022

as streamed from
St James' Church
Islington N1

PARISH MASS
FOR EASTER 5 2022

Entry Hymn: **AM702 Lead us heavenly Father, lead us us** [t Mannheim]

*Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.*

*Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.*

*Spirit of our God descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
this provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.* (Words: J H Newman)

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

Hidden God, on this day of our Annual General Meeting
we offer you our thanks and praise
for all you have done through us and with us this year.

**By ourselves we could never have found you:
no argument can lead us to you,
no enterprise can reveal you
and no amount of knowledge
will give us the answers we need.**

But throughout this year
you have searched for us;
in the frailty of our common life
you have entrusted yourself to us
so that we could be your ambassadors in the world.

**We thank you that even in our weakness
we can know you,
and that when we trust you
stumbling blocks become stepping stones
and the foolishness of your Gospel
leads to the certainty of eternal life.**

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 you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

Stand

Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

To him be glory for ever

To him be glory for ever.

Alleluia, amen

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen

Alleluia, amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father...

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit...

*Please take your part in
the song by repeating
each line after it has been
sung by the Cantor.*

Collect: **Give us, we pray, gentle God, a mind forgetful of past injury, a will to seek the good of others and a heart of love, that we may learn to walk the harder road of sacrifice and peace. Grant this through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen**

Sit

The Word of God

1st Reading: (Colossians 1: 24-29 CEV) Now is the time for us to rejoice in the difficulties we have endured together. For though they do not compare with the pains that Christ suffered on behalf of his body the Church, they have been the necessary means by which we have proclaimed the Word of God in all its fullness - the mystery which has remained hidden for ages past but which is now being disclosed to those who have faith. To us God has chosen to make known the glorious riches of this mystery: that he has made his home among us, leading and guiding us - so that the world may have hope. This we proclaim and to this end we struggle, thanking him for his energy which is so powerfully at work in us. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stay sitting for the Gradual Hymn: AM592 As the deer

***As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.***

***You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.***

***You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.***

***You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.***

***I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.***

***You alone are the real joy giver
and the apple of my eye. You alone...***

***You're my friend and you're my brother,
even though you are a king.***

***I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything. You alone...***

(Words: Martin Nyström)

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: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you. to us.

We sing once more:

Alleluia, your words, O Lord...

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 13: 31-35) When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

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

At the end:

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, Ou 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!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: **AM748 O Jesus I have promised**

[t Wolvercote]

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.**

**O let me see thy footmarks and in them plant my own;
my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my friend.**

(Words: Edward Plumptre)

Remain standing

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.**

Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the
Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the
resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Remain standing

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.

Father, it is right and good to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our living Lord.
From you comes life and all that is good is your gift to us.
Through your powerful Word you made all things
and your arms of love sustain the universe.

You made us to walk with you, to love you and each other,
But then we turned away and chose the path of sin.
Reaching out with a Father's love
you sent your Son to call us back to you.

He preached good news to the poor,
proclaimed release to the captives and gave the blind their sight;
then stretching wide his arms upon the cross
he died, the perfect sacrifice for sin.

At the Offertory

But neither death nor grave could hold your Son,
and, rising to new life,
he opened wide the gate of heaven to all who follow him.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels 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 -
you a lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ our Lord.

Sit/ How wonderful the works of your hands, O Lord!

Kneel 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:

Lord's Prayer

You a - lone are ho - ly and you a - lone are Lord, and
you a lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ our Lord.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction

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.
[Remember Lord your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.....]

Bring us at the last with Mary, the Mother of God,
St James 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:

Bless-ing and hon-our and glo-ry and power
be yours for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

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

Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have
Mer - cy on us. Je-sus, re deemer of the
world: Give us 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**

During Communion: *The Swan Saint Saens* played by Lucy Haire and Adam Dickson

Communion Hymn: **AM650 Great is thy faithfulness** [t Faithfulness]

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassion thy fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be:*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand has provided,
great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me.*

*Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!* (Words: Thomas Chisholm)

Post Communion

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

Banns of Marriage and Community Notices

Blessing and Dismissal

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

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

[t Nun Danket]

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

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

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

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