



Sunday 29 May 2022

ASCENSION SUNDAY

Year C

22/22

Welcomer: Shirley Chinery
Readers: Cecy Munoz and Eddie Jenkyns
Interceder: Ken Thompson
Euch Min: Hilary Roden
Coffee: Isabel Nisbet

Music:

Entry AM277 Crown him with many c.
Gradual HFTG69 Lift up your hearts
Offertory AM232 The head that once
P-Comm AM797 Rejoice, the Lord
Final AM422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Mass Burley Mass

ST JAMES
Islington N1 8PH

Collect: Father God, you took Jesus from our sight so that he could receive glory at your right hand in heaven. At our own homecoming may we follow him and find our hope, our joy and our peace in the heavenly places; where you reign as Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

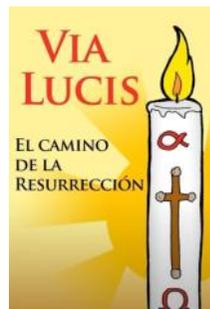


FUND-RAISING WEEKEND! So good to report on three fine fund-raising events last week-end. On Saturday 'Spaghetti-Duetti' (Raphaella and Lara) sang a beautiful concert of opera duets and raised an amazing £1361.42 for Central London Samaritans. On Sunday morning Hope Dixey took part in two races where her chair was pushed by some very fit people on blades! She has already raised £1000 and money is still coming in. And on Sunday evening Isabel Nisbet, accompanied by our organ consultant Rhidian Jones, sang a superb concert of songs associated with water and raised over £300 for the Angel Canal Boat charity. When we look at our accounts and our annual charitable giving totals, we ought to bear all these efforts in mind too.



ROSEMARY ROSS We were all so sorry to hear from Sid that Rosemary had a fall in Oxford on Monday while the two of them were celebrating Sid's 90th birthday. Sadly she hit her head after tripping and was rushed to the John Radcliffe Hospital and kept in for a series of scans. Rosemary has been a key member of our community for very many years and I know that everyone will be wishing her well. We are getting regular updates on her progress but I know she will be much in our prayers at this very difficult time. We remember Sid too as he commutes backwards and forwards to her bedside. Our pavements are such a hazard...

THE PCC met on Thursday evening and began to tackle the challenge of filling four key posts within St James': PCC Secretary, Treasurer, Children's work coordinator and buildings and maintenance supervisor. Increasingly we will have to make these paid posts but we need to appoint the 'right' people too!



MUSICAL VESPERS

Tonight at 6.30pm

Meditations and music for Easter and Ascension compiled by Sergio Munoz.



UNITY WEEK VISIT TO SOUTHWARK AND GREENWICH We very much hope that you will join us and members of St John's RC parish to the Anglican Cathedral at Southwark, followed by a boat trip and a picnic in Greenwich. Saturday 11th June. RSVP please. And all free!

THIS WEEK

- Sun ASCENSION SUNDAY 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 6.30pm Musical Vespers for Ascensiontide.
Mon 6pm Raj and Rae begin preparations for their wedding on September 17th. 7.30pm FC2 Anneke Pol begins her Baptism course.
Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. Diocesan review of Vicarage energy use. 7-9pm Corsican Brass.
Wed 10am Mass. 7-8.30pm Some Voices rehearsal.
Thurs 2-5.30pm Our bellringers attempt a full Peal to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. 5.15pm FC1 Mohammed Bagheri, Church. 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15pm Office session. 7-9pm Cantalini.
Sat 2-5pm Platinum Jubilee party in Arlington Square.
Sun 5 PENTECOST 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS, SUNDAY SCHOOL and the BAPTISM of Mohammad Bagheri. 4-7pm Alex Nikiporenko music students concert.

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

- Sun 29 ASCENSION SUNDAY Matai Mathew and Eilyn Evans; McBrien clan
Mon 30 DEL Easter 7 Melanie Merlot; Paula, Gianni and Giandre Morrison
Tues 31 Visitation Sergio and Cecy Munoz; Isabel Nisbet, Joyce Owusu
Wed 1 Justin, martyr Jade Nicholson, John, Charlie and Henry Green
Thurs 2 Feria Toni Parker; Teresa Pereira, Richard, Mae and Ivy Dennison
Fri 3 Martyrs of Uganda Miguel Pequenaza; Jessica and Tayah Phillips
Sat 4 Feria Nick, Matilda and Barnaby Powell; Rosemary Ross
Sun 5 PENTECOST / PLATINUM JUBILEE John, Hilary, Laura Roden; Hope



ADULT BAPTISM

Next Sunday Mohammad Bagheri is to be baptised at the 10am Mass. Please do come and support him.

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS Many Happy returns tomorrow to Nylah Lawrence who will be 5; on Tuesday to Dennis Davis of the 8am Mass congregation; on Thursday to Parker Gillman who will be 4 and on Saturday to Lebyy Anafu our safeguarding officer. Happy days!
SICK Sarah Anshah, Stephanie Cowles, Jennifer Franich, Peter Freeth, Charity Garnett, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, Beryl Lloyd, Rosemary Ross, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Arthur Ward, Revd Marjorie Ward and Mary Whalley.
MEMORIALS Today: Tony Eastlake (flower seller, murdered 2021); 30th: Edward Hughes (1963), Martha Tarver (2014); 31st: Alan McGregor (2006); 3rd: Julie Porter (2009); 4th: Joffre Bicat (1988).
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 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. We pray too for all those grieving the loss of nineteen children and two teachers in the community of Uvalde, 140 miles west of San Antonio in Texas.
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.



Open from 12 noon each Monday.





PARISH MASS
for Ascension Sunday
May 29th 2022

as streamed from
St James' Church
Islington N1

PARISH MASS FOR ASCENSION SUNDAY 2022

Entry Hymn: **AM227 Crown him with many crowns** [t Diademata]

*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear the sight,
but downward bend his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end, and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

(Words: Matthew Bridges)

The Greeting

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be
with you.
And also with you.

Words of welcome

The Preparation

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.
**For the Lord Most High is to be feared;
he is the great king over all the earth.**
He subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet.
**God is gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the horn.**

Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises.
**For God is king over all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.**

God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne.
**The rulers of the earth belong to God,
and he is highly exalted.**

Dear friends in Christ, for forty days we have been celebrating the mighty resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting from the tomb and his defeat over sin and death. Together we have recalled how he appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the Kingdom of God. Today we recall how he left this earth, ascending into heaven to take his throne at the right hand of the Father where he constantly intercedes for us. Seeing, then, that we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us draw near with renewed confidence and with humble hearts, and make our confession to our Heavenly Father.

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 us 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.**

Collect

**Father God, you took Jesus from our sight so that he could
receive glory at your right hand in heaven. At our own
homecoming may we follow him and find our hope, our joy and
our peace in the heavenly places; where you reign as Lord for
ever and ever. Amen.**

Sit

God

The Word of

1st Reading: (Acts 1: 1-11) In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

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

We stay sitting for Gradual: HFTG69 Lift up your hearts [t AM43 Stand Up]

**Lift up your hearts, believers! This is the holy day
when Jesus, our Redeemer, completes salvation's way.
The forty days are over and clouds stand high and bright
as Christ, the Lord of glory, is named as God's delight.**

**Lift up your hearts, believers! Ye gates, lift up your heads!
Though minds be full of wonder, though souls be filled with dread,
the Spirit has been promised and though we are alone
we wait until the moment when fire and wind are known.**

**Lift up your hearts, believers! And do not be downcast,
for Jesus, our Redeemer receives his crown at last.
The thorns of crucifixion are changed into stars of light,
and Christ the Lord of glory is named as God's delight.** (Words: Sylvia Duncan)

2nd Reading: (Ephesians 1: 15-end) I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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.

We sing together:

Gospel Acclamation



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:

**Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always;
yes, to the end of time.**

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 Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

(St Luke 24: 44-end) Then Jesus said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Stand

The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you.
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father. Alleluia.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now:
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.*

*The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and haven's eternal light;*

*The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.*

*The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting king.*

(Words: Thomas Kelly)

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.**

Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us to the end
of time. Accept all that we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured
life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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 indeed right and good, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ the king of glory.

Born of a woman, he came to rescue our human race.
By dying for us, he trampled death and conquered sin.
By his resurrection he opened the way to life eternal.
By his ascension he gave us the sure hope that where he is,
we may surely be.

Therefore all God's people sing out their joy
and with the saints and angels we offer this hymn of praise:

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 How wonderful the works of your hands, O Lord!
As a mother tenderly gathers her children
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends,
and taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

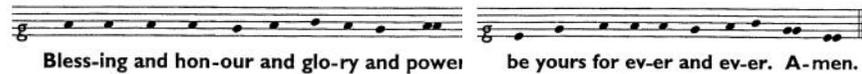
**Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us into the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Mary, the Mother of God, St James, St Peter
and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
by him, with him, and in him, with all who stand before you in earth and
heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

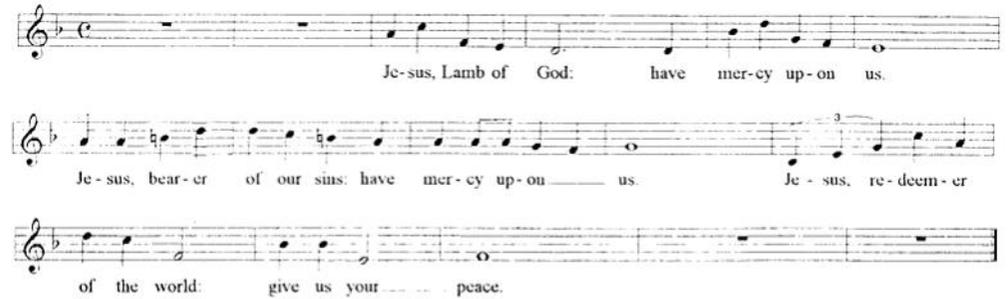


Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
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.**

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.
We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.
We watched as you ascended into heaven.
Now live in us as you live with the Father.

Agnus Dei



Invitation

Draw near with faith, receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was
broken for you, and his blood which was shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your
hearts with thanksgiving; for this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin
of the world. Happy are those who are called to his Supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I
shall be healed.**

Sit

After Communion

Communion Hymn: **AM769 Rejoice, the Lord is King**

[t Gopsal]

**Rejoice, the Lord is King
your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice again, I say, rejoice.**

**Jesus the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he hath purged our stains,
he took his seat above: Lift up...**

**He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet: Lift up...**

(Words: Charles Wesley)

Communion Antiphon:

I, the Lord, am with you always, to the end of the world. Alleluia.

Sit

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.**

Community Notices

Stand

Blessing

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire on the day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love of the risen and ascended Christ:
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit:

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

Final Hymn: **AM422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus**

[t Hyfrydol]

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.**

We leave Church and stand on the grass on the south (Prebend Street) side of St James'

**Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore?'**

**Alleluia, king eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne;
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.**

(Words: William Chatterton Dix)

After the balloon has been released

As we celebrate your ascending into heaven,
make us ready for your coming Holy Spirit.

As we long to serve you,
make us ready for your coming Holy Spirit.

As we long for your power in our lives,
make us ready for your coming Holy Spirit.

Lord, you promised to be with us always,
make us ready for your coming Holy Spirit.

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