



Sunday 5th June 2022  
**PENTECOST**  
 Year C 22/23

# ST JAMES

## Islington N1 8PH

Welcomer: The Churchwardens  
 Readers: Isabel Nisbet  
 Interceder: Eddie Jenkyns  
 Euch Min: Laura Roden  
 Coffee: Cake and fizz today!

**Music:**  
 Entry AM234 All together in one place  
 Gloria TP187 I know I love my God  
 Gradual AM263 Spirit of the Living God  
 Baptism AM775 Seek ye first  
 Offertory AM264 The Spirit lives  
 P-Comm AM238 Come down, O love  
 National AM578 God save our gracious Q.  
 Final AM265 There's a Spirit in the air  
 Mass Mass of All Nations

**Collect: Living Lord, you filled the disciples with heavenly gifts in tongues of flame: lend fire to our words and strength to our witness that by that same Spirit we may wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ; for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**



**WELCOME MOHAMMAD!** As we so often say, 'God works in mysterious ways'! It was back in February that Mohammad Bagheri wandered into St James', sitting in Church for a while, picking up the atmosphere. After a couple of weeks and some time talking it was clear that the Holy Spirit had been at work in his life and he felt that this was the right time to be baptised. Born into a Muslim family in Iran, Mohammad moved to the UK in his late teens and despite his College studies he has had a bit of a tough time with the Home Office, trying to get his papers into order. In the meantime we have completed a short course for his Baptism, comparing and contrasting Christianity with what he remembers of his Islamic faith. After his baptism today we look forward to him making his First Communion on July 17th with our six young First

Communicants who start their course next Sunday, 12th June. And to add to the exciting mix, Anneke Pol started her adult baptism course last Monday. Anneke is from Australia. Also arriving from abroad (Athens) are the Stringaris family: Argyris takes up his new post at UCL later in June. The family dropped in to St James' in January and he, Kate and the three girls will be living in Prebend Street. As always we thank God for his love and care for us all!



**ROSEMARY ROSS** wanted to say thank-you to everyone at St James' for their care and for their prayers. As you would expect she is having to take things a bit more easily but she says Sid has been looking after her wonderfully and there have been some really kind offers of help from the congregation too. We will keep you posted.

**VIA LUCIS** Huge thanks to Sergio Munoz for all the work that went into last Sunday's Musical Vespers. He prepared not only the texts of the meditations, but all the music and the visuals too. The service was well attended and I do hope these occasional experimental evening services can continue.



*Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

When I spoke to you last... I asked you all, whatever your religion, to pray for me on the day of my Coronation - to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making... I have been uplifted and sustained by the knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with me.

Her Majesty the Queen, Coronation Day, 2 June 1953



**UNITY WEEK VISIT TO SOUTH-WARK 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, next Saturday 11th. And all free! RSVP please.

### THIS WEEK

Sun **PENTECOST** 8am Mass. 10am **PARISH MASS, SUNDAY SCHOOL and the BAPTISM of Mohammad Bagheri.** 4-7pm Alex Nikiporenko music students concert.  
 Tues No 8.30am Morning Prayer or 9am Mass. Fr John and Maria on pre-retirement course, Woking, until Thursday. 7-9pm Corsican Brass.  
 Wed No 10am Mass. 7-8.30pm Some Voices rehearsal.  
 Thurs No 6pm Evening Prayer or Office session. 7-9pm Cantallini.  
 Sat **10am Joint Ecumenical visit to Southwark Anglican Cathedral, boat trip and picnic in Greenwich Park.** 3pm Sarah Stowe concert.  
 Sun 12 **TRINITY SUNDAY** 8am Mass. 10am **PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.** 11.15am First Communicant course begins. 4-7pm Alex Nikiporenko music students concert 2. 4-7pm **POCKET PROM in the Vicarage Gardens.** Tickets available at the door.

### Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 5 **PENTECOST/PLATINUM JUBILEE** John, Hilary, Laura Roden & Hope  
 Mon 6 **OT Week 10** Helen Schofield; Sam, Joe, Charlie and Isla Seabrook  
 Tues 7 **Feria** Song and Jess Si; Francis and Shweta Slyn  
 Wed 8 **Thomas Ken** Susan and Eric Sorensen; Vera Taggart  
 Thurs 9 **St Columba** Fr Stephen Taylor; Stuart, Joemil and Siena Taylor  
 Fri 10 **Feria** Ken and Margaret Taylor; Fr Victor de Waal; Fr Jim Walters  
 Sat 11 **St Barnabas, Ap** Kathryn Wark; Tim Willis; Chris Wright  
 Sun 12 **TRINITY SUNDAY** Belle Williams; Tom, Poppy, Pearl, Bow Wheatley

## PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy returns on Friday to Anita Losito, one of our new First Communicants, who will be 7.
- BANNS OF MARRIAGE** Between Evan Dean Jackson and Kim Anne Monik, both single and with a Qualifying Connection with St James', Islington. This is for the 1st TOA.
- SICK** Sarah Anshah, Stephanie Cowles, Jean Dale, 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: Syl Dale (2018); Ann Prendergast (2010); 7th: Bernard Awoonor-Renner (1981); 10th: Charles Parks, Trevor Ginger (1987);
- 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.



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.



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PARISH MASS FOR PENTECOST 2022  
together with the Baptism of Mohammad Bagheri

Entry Hymn: **AM234 All together in on place**

[t Orientis Partibus]

*All together in one place  
friends of Jesus meet to pray,  
waiting as the Lord had said,  
for the Pentecostal day. Alleluia.*

*All together with one power  
poured out when the Spirit came,  
touching each and filling all,  
rushing wind and burning flame. Alleluia.*

*All together here today,  
though two thousand years have gone.  
Still the Spirit's power is given;  
still God's people meet as one. Alleluia.*

*One in mission, one in faith,  
still responding to God's call,  
One in telling all the world  
Jesus Christ is Lord of all. Alleluia*

(Words: Brian Hoare)

PARISH MASS  
for Pentecost and the Baptism  
of Mohammad Bageri  
Sunday June 5th

as streamed from  
St James' Church  
Islington N1

**The Greeting**

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

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said*

**Words of Preparation**

As we wait in silence: **fill us with your Holy Spirit.**  
As we listen to your word: **fill us with your Holy Spirit.**  
As we long for your refreshing: **fill us with your Holy Spirit.**  
As we long for your renewing: **fill us with your Holy Spirit.**  
As we long for your equipping: **fill us with your Holy Spirit.**  
As we long for your empowering: **fill us with your Holy Spirit.**

**THE INTRODUCTION**

*The congregation sits. Mohammed is introduced to the congregation and he shares his story. The priest then asks him:*

What do you want from the Church?  
**I want to be baptised.**

Mohammed has been with us at St James' almost every Sunday since he first arrived in the middle of February and it is with great joy that we receive him into membership of the universal Church today.

As part of his preparation we have shared many stories with Mohammad and he has heard how God calls people from all walks of life and from every nation to come and follow him. Some of them were very keen, others were much more reluctant.

But all of them have realised how unworthy they were to be called into God's friendship. As we stand alongside Mohammed and welcome him into our community, we too call to mind our sins and our need for God's love and forgiveness

*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.**

### Gloria



### TPI87 I know I love my God

*I know I love my God who gives me life so that I may enjoy him.  
I know I love my God who gives me joy so that I may praise him.  
Glory to God in the highest.  
May all the people sing: 'Glory!'  
in every town and city  
till it reaches heaven's door.  
Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and his peace on earth.*

*I know I love my God who died for me so that I may find him.  
I know I love my God who gives me freedom so that I may serve him.  
Glory to God...*

*I know I love my God who dries my tears so that I may thank him.  
I know I love my God who gives me words so that I may proclaim him.  
Glory to God...*

(Words: Katholischen Landjugendbewegung, Wurzburg 1993 adapted JB)

### Collect

**Living Lord, you filled the disciples with heavenly gifts in tongues of flame: lend fire to our words and strength to our witness that by that same Spirit we may wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ; for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Sit

### The Word of God

*1st Reading: (Acts 2: 1-21)* When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

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

*We stay sitting for Gradual* **AM263 Spirit of the Living God**

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.  
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Melt us, mould us, fill us, use us.  
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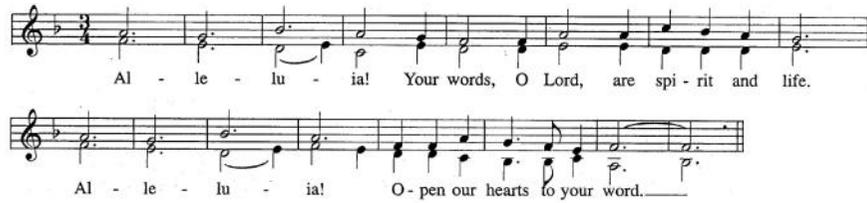
(Words: Daniel Iverson)

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:



We say together:

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

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**

*Gospel:* (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 let them be afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

**Address**

*The Paschal Candle is held in the centre of the Church. Mohammad, together with Eddie, stands and faces the congregation*

The Church welcomes Mohammad with great joy. Today we are trusting God to bless him as he grows in faith. Will you pray for him? Will you encourage him by your example as he begins to find his own place in the Church and discover the joy of being a friend of Jesus?  
**With the help of God, we will.**

At a Baptism, 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 Mohammad:

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 Mohammad 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, We accompany Mohammad and Eddie to the Font, following the Easter Candle, the sign of the Light of Christ. We invite everyone to join us.*

*Hymn:* **AM775 Seek ye first the kingdom of God**

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you;  
alleluia, alleluia  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia!**

**You shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God;  
allelu, alleluia! Alleluia...**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock, and it shall be opened unto you;  
allelu, alleluia, Alleluia...** (Words: Karen Lafferty)

*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 on to Mohammad 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.**

For your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

For your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, baptised in the River Jordan,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

For Mohammad and all new Christians,  
brought to new birth by water and the Spirit,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

For the graces bestowed on us, your children, of forgiveness and hope,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Father, accept our offering of praise  
and may your holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters.

May they restore the beauty of your creation  
and bring Mohammad and all who are baptised to new birth  
in the family of your Church.

Anoint him with power from on high  
and make him one with Christ in the freedom of your kingdom;  
for all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

But before Mohammad is baptised, we need to hear from you, his sponsor, his Church friends and all who have come today to support him, 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:

Mohammad, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*After Mohammad has been baptised, he is wrapped around with a towel:*

Mohammad, 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 Mohammad:*

Mohammad, 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.  
**And also with you.**

*We offer one another a sign of peace. Mohammad and Eddie return to their places at the front of Church.*

Offertory Hymn: **AM2264 The Spirit lives to set us free** [Walk in the light]

**The Spirit lives to see us free,  
walk, walk, in the light.  
He binds us all in unity,  
walk, walk in the light.  
Walk in the light (x3)  
walk in the light of the Lord.**

**Jesus promised life to all,  
walk, walk in the light.  
The dead were summoned to his call,  
walk, walk in the light.**

**He died in pain on Calvary,  
walk, walk in the light,  
to save the lost like you and me,  
walk, walk in the light.**

**We know his death was not the end,  
walk, walk in the light.  
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,  
walk, walk in the light.**

**By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,  
walk, walk in the light.  
the Father's kindness is revealed,  
walk, walk in the light.**

**The Spirit lives in you and me,  
walk, walk in the light.  
His light will shine for all to see,  
walk, walk in the light.** (Words: Damian Lundy)

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.**

At the Offertory

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.**

Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on  
your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who  
believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Remain standing

**Eucharistic Prayer E**

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, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ, your  
only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks because in fulfilment of your promise you pour  
out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and  
uniting people of many tongues in the confession of one faith. Your Spirit  
gives us grace to call you Father and to proclaim your Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those  
in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name, for ever  
praising you and *singing*:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dore 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 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.

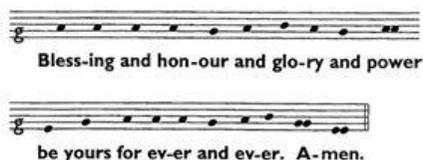
At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

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:



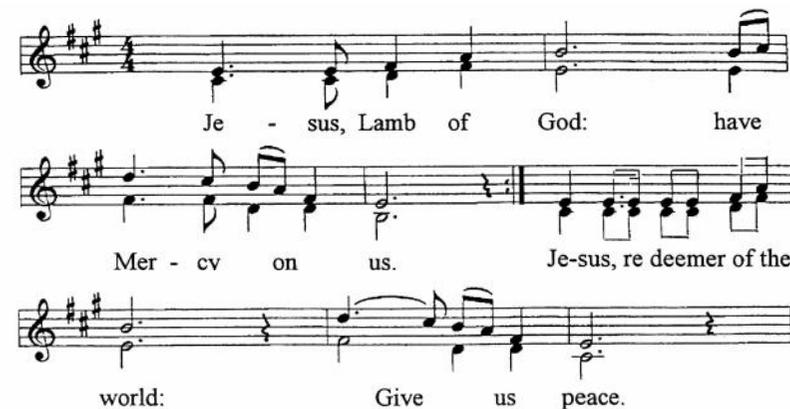
## Lord's Prayer

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.**

## Fraction

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



## 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

Hymn after Communion: **AM238 Come down, O love divine** [t Down Ampney]

*Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

*O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*

*Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.*

*And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit make his dwelling.*

(Words: Bianco da Siena/Richard Littledale)

Communion Antiphon:

They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke of all the great things that God had done. Alleluia

### Post Communion

ion

Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may reveal his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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

#### The Lighted Candle

*Mohammad and Eddie come the front of Church. The priest gives a baptismal candle to Mohammad:*

So we celebrate this milestone occasion for Mohammad Bagheri.

Mohammad, you have begun the Christian journey. Very shortly you will be admitted to the table of the Lord so that you can receive Holy Communion alongside all of us here. Today we invite you to receive this light. Walk in the light of Christ all the days of your life.

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.**

*Mohammad and Eddie return to their places.*

National Anthem: **AM578 God save our gracious Queen** [t National Anthem]

**God save our gracious Queen,  
long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen.  
Send her victorious,  
happy and glorious,  
long to reign over us:  
God save the Queen.**

Stand

Blessing

May Christ's holy, healing and enabling Spirit be with you and guide you on your way at every change and turn; and blessing...

## Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Final Hymn:* **AM265 There's a spirit in the air** [t. Lauds]

*There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, un our world!'*

*Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!*

*Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay:  
live tomorrow's life today!*

*When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.*

*There's a spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.*

(Words: Brian Wren)



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.