



Sunday 17 July 2022

ST JAMES (ant)

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22/29

Welcomer: Churchwardens
 Reader: Sergio Munoz
 Interceder: Thomas Gerbeaux
 Euch Min: Maria Flavius
 Coffee: Isabel Nisbet

Music:
 Entry AM42 Longing for light
 Gradual AM725 Make me a channel
 Offertory CAHON332 I, the Lord
 JMG Pachelbel, Canon in D
 P-Comm TP23 Though I speak
 Final TP74 Jesus, Prince and Saviour
 Mass Mass of All Nations

ST JAMES

Islington N1 8PH

Collect: Merciful God, your apostle James left family, home and all that he had, to be a pilgrim servant of Christ. Teach us to walk in his footsteps so that we may learn to go wherever you send us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



ANTHONY HILL As the Organ Project reaches its last stages of completion, the name of Anthony Hill - who sadly died six years ago this week - rightly comes to mind. Anthony was our organist for a little under three years but in that time he made a huge contribution to the musical life of this parish. As well as being a key supporter of the Islington Proms in its early days, it was Anthony who drove out to Rayleigh in Essex to secure the Bechstein grand piano which has made it possible for so many people to rehearse and perform at St James'. But he was also part of the pool of fine musicians who

advised us how best to restore our Gray and Davison organ as we put forward proposals to the Diocesan Advisory Committee. His death very shortly after our 140th anniversary celebrations led to the setting up of an annual concert in his memory as part of the Islington Proms. But I am also delighted that one of his organ compositions, Toccata Eroica, will be performed by Charlie Andrews at the opening recital of the new organ on 20th November 2022. This will follow a full Choral Evensong sung by Epiphoni. I think Anthony would have been delighted by how well things have worked out - all these years later!

THIS WEEK

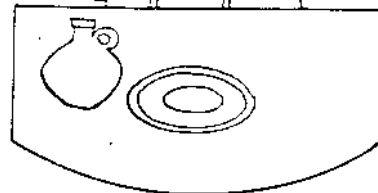
Sun **ST JAMES 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS. 1-6pm Rehearsal and Concert in Church.**
 Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer 9am Mass. 10.15/10.30am Various surveyors from the Diocese visit the Vicarage. 7-9pm Corsican Brass rehearsal (final).
 Wed 10am Mass. 10.30-6.30pm Freddie Crowley rehearsal. 7-8.30pm Some Voices.
 Thurs 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15-7pm Office Session.
 Sat 11-1pm Freddie Crowley rehearsal.
 Sun 24 **TRINITY 6 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 17 **ST JAMES** Ken and Margaret Thompson ; Fr Victor de Waal
 Mon 18 **OT Week 16** Fr Jim Walters; Kathryn Wark; Tim Willis
 Tues 19 **SS Gregory and Macrina** Belle Williams, Tom, Poppy, Pearl and Bow
 Wed 20 **St Margaret of Antioch** Jay Wilson, Lucy, Ava, Ivy and Bella
 Thurs 21 **Feria** Chris Wright; Lisa, Darren, Max and Oscar Ahmet-Baker
 Fri 22 **St Mary Magdalene** Louise Ahmet, Vinney, Benji and Sienna
 Sat 23 **Feria** Martin, Kerri, Rebecca and Joseph Allen; Vicky Bellamy
 Sun 24 **TRINITY 6** Beatrice Awoonor-Renner; Albert and Annie Bryan



They knew him in the



breaking of bread

Please pray for
 Arnold Carter
 Hope Dixey
 Matteo Falcioni
 Theo Jenkins
 Zuri Kasella
 Anita Losito
 Mohammad Bagheri

JOHN WILSON We are so pleased that a member of Grace Church, Alvin in Texas will be with us at St James' on Sunday 31st July. John completed his PhD in London but this will be his first visit to St James'. We hope that there will still be a few people left in London to hear him talk about Church life in the US.

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Many Happy returns on Tuesday to Alex Suksiri.
BANNS OF MARRIAGE Between Charles Hugh Ryder Toller and Elizabeth Scarlett Spence, both single and of this parish with a qualifying connection with Heythrop Old Church. These are for the third time of asking.
SICK Sarah Ansah, Jean Dale, 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 18th: Fr John Dorman (1998); 21st: Derek Sugarman (2003); 22nd Anthony Hill, former organist at St James' (2016).
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 in Ukraine. After the final release of Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe, we pray for **Peter Jouvenal**, a British/German journalist with an Afghan family, who has been held by the Taliban since December. Surprisingly Ukraine has somewhat overshadowed his case.



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 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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St James' Islington: discovering how to live like Jesus in the 21st century



PARISH MASS
for St James' Day (ant) and the
Admission of seven
First Communicants
July 17th 2022

as streamed from
St James' Church
Islington N1

PARISH MASS
FOR ST JAMES' DAY 2022

*The Church is in darkness and the congregation sit in silence.
The Paschal Candle burns in the middle of the assembly.*

You, O Lord, are my lamp;
you turn our darkness into light
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
who is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.

Welcome to St James' and to this special day in the life of our parish when we welcome Mohammad, Arnold, Hope, Matteo, Theo, Zuri and Anita to the Table of the Lord for the first time. This comes at the end of their time preparing for this moment, reflecting on the Bible and learning about the traditions of the Church.

Most of all they have begun to understand what it is to 'build Church': talking and laughing, playing and thinking with and alongside one another. And they have begun to understand the meaning of Jesus' call to leave old habits behind so that his wonderful love and power can work inside them. They know that this is what each Holy Communion is designed to do - to help them grow in faith and love so that the light of Christ can be seen more perfectly in them.

So let us 'act out' the journey that they have taken. While Isabel sings our opening hymn, we ask the four candidates and their parents to come and stand with me at the Font, the place where we start our Christian journey.

The Sanctuary party, the First Communicants and their parents go to the Font

Entry Hymn: **CG21 Longing for light**

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. Christ, be our light! ...**

Here at the Font we remember the story of Moses. We recall how God saved his people at the Red Sea and helped them to cross to safety. When they complained he also fed them with manna in the desert so that they would not starve.

God continues to feed us and care for us even when we ignore his voice and protest about those things which we find difficult. His life-giving and eternal food is offered to us as a pledge of his constant love. As a sign of thanksgiving for that love, let us call to mind our sins and ask to be washed clean.

**Loving Lord, we are your people:
young and old, tall and small, strong and weak.
All of us, Lord, get things wrong
and all of us need to be forgiven -
by you, and by each other.**

**Now, in your presence, we admit what we have done
and accept our share of the hurts in the world;
the pride, the fights, the unfairness and the waste.**

**We declare today that we are truly sorry
and we promise to try harder.
Make us willing to forgive each other
more easily and more often.
Remind us that we are called
to love without counting the cost,
knowing that only then are we doing your will. 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.

The candidates are sprinkled with the clean water of the Font. After the Absolution the candidates return to their places.

2nd Hymn: AM725 Make me a channel of your peace [t St Francis]

***Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.***

***O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled and to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.***

***Make me a channel of your peace.
It is pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.***

[Words: Sebastian Temple]

1st Reading: (Philippians 4: 1-7 CEV) My friends: be happy because you are a Christian. Let me say it again: be happy that Jesus has called you to be his friend. And show it in the way you behave! Be gentle with each other, remembering that the Lord is by your side. He loves you so you do not need to worry about anything. Thank him for what he has given you and ask him for what you need. When you do this you will find that his calm will fill your heart and mind and you will have peace.

And each day do what is right. Help each other. Do not force others to do what you want; always do your best and try to make the most of what you have.

Copy those who are kind and generous and you will find that the God of love will fill you with love and contentment.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We pause for a moment in silence, to think about what we have just heard

Let us stand and welcome the Gospel.

We sing :



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

Gospel: The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

((St Matthew 20: 20-28 CEV) Then the mother of two of Jesus' disciples, James and John, came to Jesus and asked him a question. She said to him, 'Will you promise that these two sons of mine will be seated in the very best places in heaven - one on your right hand and one on your left?'

Jesus answered her, 'I am afraid you do not understand what you are asking for'. Turning to the disciples he asked them, 'Are you willing to work with me and then suffer as I am about to suffer?' They said to him, 'We are willing to do all these things.' Jesus said to them, 'You are right; you will share my work and you will die as I am about to do. But even then none of us knows who has been given those special places in heaven. Only my Father knows these things.'

When the rest of the disciples heard what James and John's mother had asked they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that all the important people in this world like to force other people to do what they want. They bully those around them and force them to obey.

But it must not be like that with you. It tell you, whoever wants to be great among you must become your servant and whoever wants to be at the head of the queue must be content to stand at the back. This is how you follow me: for the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life so that others could live.'

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

The Address

Afterwards Mohammad, Arnold, Hope, Matteo, Theo, Zuri and Anita stand in the centre of the Church. One of their parents or carers stands behind them. The priest continues:

Today is a very special day in each of your lives. Ever since you were young we have treated you as full members of the family of Jesus Christ.

The time has now come for you to mark a new stage in your life. Supported by those you love and encouraged by the prayers of this community of St James', I am inviting you to accept Jesus' invitation to receive him in Holy Communion.

This great privilege which we share as Christians will, for each of you, be part of your preparation for the gifts given in Confirmation and I pray that this Church will do all in its power to support you, by word and example, that you may come to adult faith and commitment at some time in the future.

So I ask you all: do you wish to receive Jesus in Holy Communion?

I do.

Will you try to copy the example of Jesus, listening to his voice both here and outside this Church?

I will.

Each First Communicant is then presented with a certificate:

N. I admit you as a communicant member of the Church. May Jesus nourish you with faith and love for ever. **Amen.**

They are then given a small cross with these words:

N., receive this Cross. May the Lord bless your ears, that you may hear his Word. May the Lord bless your eyes, that you may see his light. May the Lord bless your lips, that you may respond to his love. May the Lord bless your heart, that he may dwell there for ever. May the Lord bless your shoulders, that you may carry his cross and live always by its saving power. **Amen.**

Afterwards the First Communicants return to their seats.

Prayers of Intercession follow, ending with the Collect which we say together

Collect: **Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people grace and power, and at this table feed us with your love in Holy Communion: grant that we may offer our lives to you now and shine with your light all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We stand for the Peace

The Kingdom of God is not just a matter of eating and drinking, but of love, justice and joy in the Holy Spirit.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We offer one another a sign of peace.

The candidates go to the back of the Church and bring up the Offertory elements and the money collected to increase the work of the Church.

Offertory Hymn: CAHON332 I, the Lord of sea and sky

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain. I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am...*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am...*

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 love, receive the gifts we offer you this day, and feed us continually with that bread that satisfies all hunger, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, whose hands have made earth, sea and sky, whose Spirit comes unseen as the wind, your face is turned towards the world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Now you call these children into the communion of your love; your overflowing grace enables them to share in your divine nature so that they can become signs of that Kingdom where angels sing your praise:



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 -
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.
sann - a in the high - est. Praise and thanks to God.

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of love and words of hope he touched the untouchable with faith and washed the guilty clean of shame.

The crowds came out to see your Christ, yet at the end they turned on him. The night in which he was betrayed he came to the table with his friends for a feast to celebrate the freedom of your people.

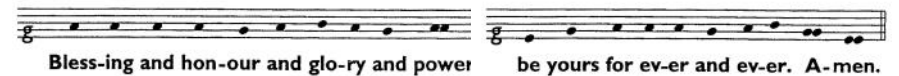
Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food, took bread, broke it, gave it and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Jesus then blessed you for the wine, took the cup, gave it 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.

We declare our faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Jesus died upon the cross, the perfect sacrifice of love, to set us free from all our sins. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that by these gifts we may feed on Christ: his body as broken bread, wine outpoured as his blood. May we who eat his holy food share his life for ever and find a welcome at the your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:



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

Lord's Prayer

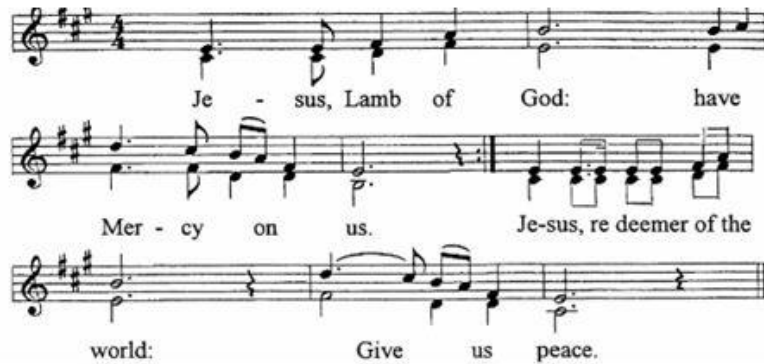
Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ
Though we are many we are one body because we all share in the one bread.

Lamb of God



Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he 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 they who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

THE ADMINISTRATION

Those who have been admitted to Communion today, together with their families and friends – should make their way to the place of communion, followed by rest of the congregation.

Junior Music Group: Pachelbel's Canon in D

Communion Hymn: TP23 Though I speak the tongues of angels

***Though I speak the tongues of angels,
though I speak the tongues of men,
if I give away my fortune
or by faith could move the hills;
but if it is not yet possible
to do it all with love,
none of this is any good at all.***

***Faith, hope and love, God's gifts to all his people.
Faith, hope and love, but best of all is love.***

***Love is patient, love is kind,
love will pardon and excuse.
Love is never rude or selfish
but delights in what is right.***

***There are things that we have come to trust
that must come to an end.
Only love will finally endure. Faith, hope...***

***As a youth I had no wisdom
I would talk of childish things.
I still look into a mirror
and find only half the truth.
Though I faintly sense the future
and what I should really see,
one day I shall come to understand. Faith, hope...***

(Words: 1 Corinthians 13/JB)

Banns of Marriage, Community Notices and Blessing

Dismissal

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

Final Hymn: TP74 Jesus, Prince and Saviour [t AM758 St Gertrude]

***Jesus, Prince and Saviour, Lord of life who died;
Christ the friend of sinners, sinners crucified,
for a lost world's ransom, all himself he gave,
lay at last death's victim, lifeless in the grave.
Lord of life, triumphant, risen now to reign!
King of endless ages, Jesus lives again!***

***In his power and Godhead every victory won;
pain and passion ended, all his purpose done.
Christ the Lord is risen! Sighs and sorrow past,
death's dark night is over, morning comes at last! Lord of life...***

***Resurrection morning! Sinner's bondage freed;
Christ the Lord is risen - he is risen indeed!
Jesus, Prince and Saviour, Lord of life who died,
Christ the King of glory, now is glorified! Lord of life...***

(Words: Timothy Dudley Smith)

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