

Sunday 6 November 2022

3rd BEFORE ADVENT

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Welcomer: As arranged
Reader: Junior Church
Interceder: Lucy Haire
Euch Min: Ken Thompson
Coffee: Junior Church

Music:

Entry CAHON425 Lord when I turn
Gradual CAHON938 O Lord hear my prayer
Offertory AM409 There is a longing
P-Comm AM450 Jesus calls us
Final AM754 O worship the King
Mass Mass of All Nations

ST JAMES

Islington N1 8PH

Collect: God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that the earth may know the peace of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Between now and Advent we are inviting you to read one chapter each week from St Mark's Gospel. This week we move on to CHAPTER 9 *Long sheets of each chapter can be found on the back table.* Last week we heard Peter declaring that Jesus is the Christ. Here we see the result: Peter, James and John are shown Jesus in glory. From now on, everything is different. Question: Are we ready (with confidence and faith) to allow God to lead us into his future?

THIS WEEK

Sun 6 3 before ADVENT 8am Mass. 10am All Age PARISH MASS . 12-2.30pm Daniel Kringer rehearsal.
Tues 10.30am Funeral of Daniel Hayes-Gillbank. 7-9pm Corsican Brass.
Wed 10am Mass. 7.30pm Anneke Pol BC1. 7-9pm Some Voices.
Thurs 12noon Fr John in Ruislip for a funeral. 5.15pm Mohammad Bagheri St Mark 10. 6pm Evening Prayer/Office session. 7-9pm Cantallini.
Fri 9-5.30pm Noah Max rehearsal. 6-9pm I Fagioli rehearsal
Sat 2-4.30pm Rachel Maby rehearsal. 4.30-10pm Elizabeth Swedlund rehearsal and concert.
Sun 13 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SIUNDAY SCHOOL.

Calendar and Daily prayer themes

Sun 6 3 b ADVENT Sam, Joe, Charlie and Isla Seabrook; Grace, Ada Sharpe
Mon 7 DEL OT Week 32 Susan and Eric Sorensen; Vera Taggart
Tues 8 Saints and Martyrs of England Fr Stephen Taylor; Fr Victor de Waal
Wed 9 Feria Stuart, Joemil and Siena Taylor; Ken and Margaret Thompson
Thurs 10 St Leo the Great Fr Jim Walters; Kathryn Wark; Tim Willis
Fri 11 St Martin of Tours Belle Williams, Tom, Poppy, Pearl and Bow
Sat 12 Feria Jay, Lucy, Ava, Ivy and Bella Wilson
Sun 13 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Chris Wright, Claudia Adao

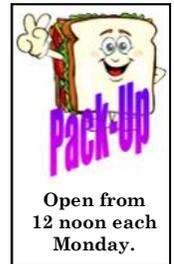
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY is next week and as usual we will be holding our solemn celebration for all those who have died in the service of justice and peace around the world at 10am.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS We need to add to our rota of Eucharistic Ministers and I would be very grateful if you would consider offering to serve St James' in this role. Training will be given at the beginning of Advent alongside a renewal for all those who have been EMs for many years.

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy Returns to Jerome Kasella who is 12 today; tomorrow to Joyce Owusu and on Wednesday to Hayley Jenkins.
- SICK** Jean Dale, Peter Freeth, Charity Garnett, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Harry Lee, Kingsley Lewis, Beryl Lloyd, Paul Mortier, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Julia Taylor, Arthur Ward, Revd Marjorie Ward and Mary Whalley.
- DEPARTED** We pray for the souls of and Daniel Hayes-Gillbank, to be laid to rest on Tuesday 8th and Fr Duncan Adamson to be laid to rest on Thursday 10th,
- MEMORIALS** 8th: Peter Comerford; Mary Linzell; 11th: Phoebe Kerr; Nola Leach.
- 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, now transferred to a university chaplaincy in Tokyo.
- IN OUR PRAYERS** During this coming winter we continue to pray for the ARC Foodbank and for good support for Pack-Up. We pray for the people of the Ukraine especially for the family of our Church cleaner, Olenka Nehneka, whose family live near Lviv. She and her daughter are increasingly homesick. We pray for the work of the United Nations as it seeks social justice in Iran, Myanmar, San Salvador and China. We pray for our local schools: New North Road, Hanover, Richard Cloudesley and Rotherfield.
- PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE** We pray for the release of *Peter Jouvenal*, who has been held by the Taliban since December 2021.
- PACK-UP** Our lunch club for the street community are appealing for basic staples so that they can continue to provide hot meals each week:

Tea bags * Instant coffee * Sugar Tinned tomatoes * Pasta
Biscuits (in packets rather than in tins) * Rice * Herbs/spices eg bay leaves, oregano, thyme.



Open from 12 noon each Monday.



BACK TO BASICS When I looked at the readings set for today's services (the Gospel is the story of a woman who marries seven brothers, one after the other!) I wondered just what relevance that had to our situation - especially on a First Sunday! So I have taken the liberty (as we are allowed to do) of completely changing the readings for our Masses. Instead of the rather difficult passage from St Luke I thought we might go back to the very heart of what we do as Christians and talk about prayer: how we talk to God. So today I am inviting us to look again at how we pray, when we pray and what we might say in our prayers as we develop our relationship with a God who is much more eager to hear us than we are to talk to him!

EQUAL MARRIAGE Little did I realise, when I was quoting Bishop Steven Croft of Oxford last Sunday, that he would be hitting the headlines this week with his statement that he believed the time had come for the Church of England to celebrate the weddings of same-sex couples. I am especially surprised because, when I knew him in Durham, he always struck me as a fairly cautious evangelical. Many have described his comments as 'deeply compassionate' as he wrestled with the pain that many couples were feeling, that the Church they loved and supported was denying them the opportunity to have their relationships blessed. It is quite clear that he has been thinking through these issues for many years and as part of that, has begun to question whether the current rules which often simply turned a blind eye to what faithful Christians are doing was honest. Not surprisingly he has come under a deluge of criticism from those who hold the traditional line on marriage. For us here I will take time to think these issues out anew and will preach on the topic shortly. But if anyone would like to talk about this now, please ask.

WELCOME to everyone in Church today, especially those visiting for the first time.

- Please ask the nearest person to you in the pews if there is anything you need. There is a carpeted area in the south aisle for our smallest children. A full service booklet is available and the T-loop system works well.
- A collection of money is taken during Mass. We are very grateful for your kind support.
- At the time of communion, please feel free to come forward to the front of Church - either to receive communion or a blessing. Jesus invites everyone, you too!
- Finally, do stay for a drink after Mass if you can and say hello before you leave. If you would like to keep in touch, please fill in a white Contact Card and we'll respond asap.

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



PARISH MASS
for 3rd SUNDAY
BEFORE ADVENT
November 6th 2022

as streamed from
St James' Church
Islington N1



May God bless every £1 we give so that St James' will be here, not just for today and for tomorrow, but for the future he wants to create.

PARISH MASS
FOR 3rd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

How can I pray in a way that works for me?

Entry Hymn: **CAHON425 Lord, when I turn** [t AM587 Amazing Grace]

*Lord, when I turn my back on you,
my fears and darkness grow,
I need to hear your voice, O Lord,
to show me where to go.*

*With you beside me, Lord, I find
the problems that I face
become a time to seek new ways,
a fountain of your grace.*

*So shape me to your purpose, Lord,
and show me what to do;
and if I fail to turn to prayer,
then draw me back to you.*

*And when the world is over, Lord,
or over just for me,
there is nowhere but with you, my Lord,
that I would rather be.*

(Words: Susan Sayer ed JB)

THE GATHERING

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.

- Welcome and Introduction

Words of Preparation

I raise my eyes to the hills;
but where shall I find help?
**My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot slip
for he who watches over you will not sleep.
**Behold he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord always watches over you:
the Lord protects you and keeps you safe;
**so that the sun shall not scorch you by day
nor the moon disturb you at night.**

The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
it is he who will guard your life.
**The Lord will defend your going out
and your coming in,
both now and for evermore.**

**Lord, we have failed you
and in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like the morning cloud,
Like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all those who truly repent, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sin; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession

Gloria
TPI187 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...*

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Collect: Loving Lord, we thank you that you hear us when we pray: bend our hearts and minds so that we focus on your will and not our own, and teach us to depend on you with patience and with love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: (1 Samuel 2: 1-10 CEV) Then Hannah prayed using these words: 'My heart rejoices in the Lord; my strength has been restored to me by my God. There is no one like the Lord, for he has proved himself to be our rock and our salvation. He raises up the poor and brings down the rich, setting the humble alongside princes and giving them places of honour. He has built the earth to be full of riches, built on pillars that can never be shaken. The Lord protects the lives of his faithful ones but those who rebel against him he casts into utter misery so that we do not rely on human wisdom or strength. At the end of time the Lord will judge every living thing. He will raise up the lowly and he will bless all those who are true of heart. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

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

- What is prayer and why do we do it?

Toize: **CAHON938 O Lord, hear my prayer** (sung twice)

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: 'O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.'

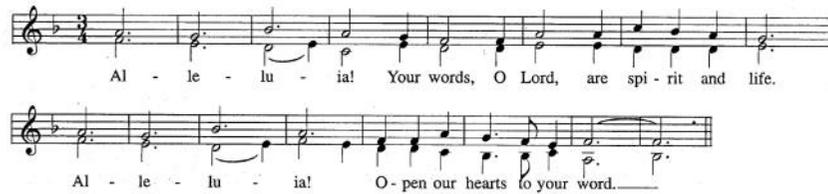
A time of silence follows

Address

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:

Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified. You may ask for anything in my name and I will do it.

We sing once more: **Alleluia, alleluia...**

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

(St John 14: 5-14) Thomas said to Jesus, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

- 'Some ways to pray

Stand for the Credal Song **C70 If you believe and I believe** sung twice



If you believe... and I believe and we to-ge-ther pray, the Ho - ly Spi - rit
must come down and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple free, and
set God's peo - ple free; the Ho - ly Spi - rit must come down and set God's peo-ple free.

Sit or Kneel

Prayers of Intercession

At the end:

Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary the Mother of God, St James, St Peter and all the saints, we commend ourselves and all those for whom we have prayed, to God's unfailing love:

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Kneel or sit

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who, on the night that he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, Take this and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup 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. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord. Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation.

Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your Kingdom, so that we, with all your people, of every language, race and nation, and with all the angels and saints, may 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.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

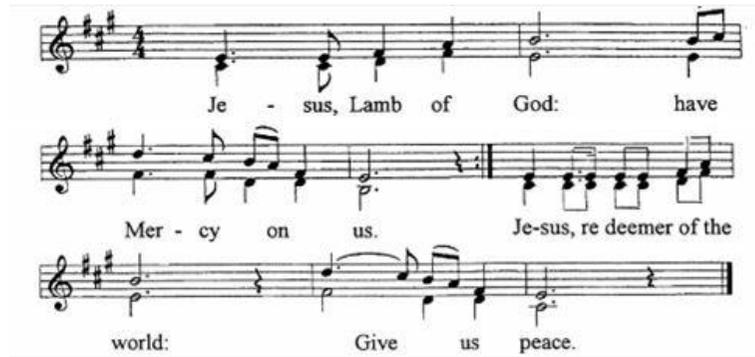
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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy king - dom come,
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Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread,
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and for - give us our tres - pass - es, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.
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And lead us not in - to temp - tation, but de - liv er us from evil.
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For Thine is the kingdom the power and the glory for ev er and ev - er, A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread

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

Agnus Dei



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

Giving of Communion

Come and stand at the altar of God, not because you are strong but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you the right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come because he loves you, and gave himself for you.

Lift up your hearts and minds above the cares and fears and let this bread and wine be to you the token of the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, all meant for you if you will accept them in humble faith.

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.

We stay sitting: **AM450 Jesus calls us**

{t AM422 Hyfrydol}

*Jesus calls us here to meet him
as through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.*

**Jesus calls us to each other:
found in him are no divides;
race and class and sex and language -
all such barriers he derides.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.**

**Jesus calls us to his table,
rooted firm in time and space,
where the Church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body,
share the love of which we sing;
share the feast for saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.** (Words: WGRG, Iona Community, Glasgow)

Prayer after Communion

Communion Antiphon:

Come to me, all you who are heavy laden and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Post Communion:

Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. 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.

Community Notices

The Blessing

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

Final Hymn: **AM754 O worship the King** [t Hannover]

**O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the ancient of days,
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shine in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.** (Words: Robert Grant)