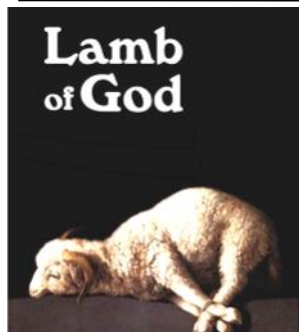




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| Welcomer      | Maria Flavius                  |
| Readers       | Eva Kasella and Luigi Falcioni |
| Interceder    | Isabel Nisbet                  |
| E Min         | Hilary Roden                   |
| Coffee        | Eva Kasella                    |
| <b>Music:</b> |                                |
| Entry         | AM714 Lord of all power        |
| Gradual       | AM620 Lord Jesus when you came |
| Offertory     | CAHON422 Lord, we come to ask  |
| P-Comm        | CAHON347 Jesus calls us        |
| Final         | AM66646 God is working         |
| Mass          | Burley Mass, Simon Lole        |

**Collect:** O God, from our earliest days you called us by name. May our ears hear your voice and our spirits be eager to respond to your word so that, having heard you in the silence of our hearts, we may all enjoy the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE...** Just before we come forward to receive Holy Communion, we repeat the words, 'Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world...' They are so familiar and yet do we really know what they refer to? In today's Gospel we recall John the Baptist shouting out 'There is the Lamb of God' to any who would listen. But as he doesn't explain what he means, perhaps its time to look at these words again together. What do they say about Jesus - and how do they add to our parish strap line: '*Discovering how to live like Jesus in the 21st century*'? What is a sacrifice?

**ORGAN CASE** "O so slowly", the finishing touches to the new organ case are being completed. This week a team from Renatus in Bideford came with the north side acoustic screen that will hide the more unsightly pipework when it returns in February. In between the screen and the south wall there will be several ranks of gilded pipes, the very last items to be completed at the end of March. But I did just want to point out how the fret work that Renatus have provided - so cleverly cut out these days by computer driven saws - mirrors both the tiles on the east wall and the design we so often see on the big altar cloth in the Sanctuary. For this visual 'connection' we have to thank Tom Bell of Freehaus Architects in Essex Road - as well as Colin Peacock of Renatus who was able to turn Tom's drawings into such a beautiful screen. And all this before we hear a single note of the newly restored organ!



**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.

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**GONE!** Thanks to the team of Toni, Richard, John and Laura, the Christmas tree was swiftly taken out of Church on Tuesday evening. But the crib figures remain in place for the rest of January as we keep Epiphany-tide right up to Candlemas on Sunday February 3rd.

**CONFIRMATION** Trying to negotiate times when a group of six busy people can get together to prepare for their Confirmation is proving a challenge but the level of enthusiasm is so high that we are working hard to make the timetable work. The first major session, "*A fun run through Church history*", is on Tuesday 24th January and this is also open is anyone who would like to attend. See the poster on the noticeboard.

**READERS** Isabel is kindly compiling the next rota for those who read, intercede and make coffee on Sundays. She would be very happy to hear from anyone who would be willing to join these lists.

NEW STUDY SESSIONS - INCLUDING THE CHANCE TO PREPARE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

PACK UP always very grateful for these items:

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



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THIS WEEK

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| Sun 15 | EPIPHANY 2 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 2pm Peal of bells.   |
| Tues   | 8.30am Morning Prayer. 8am Mass. 3.30-6.30pm North London Conservatoire presentation evening. 7.9pm Corsican Brass. 6.30pm (provisional). Confirmation Group 1, Vicarage. |
| Wed    | 10am Mass. 11-5pm Sonare recording. 7-9pm Sing rehearsal.   |
| Thurs  | 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15-7pm Office Session. 7pm Cantallini.  |
| Fri    | 2pm Zoom meeting re the Organ Project with Paul Mortier, Swindon.   |
| Sun 22 | EPIPHANY 3 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.  |

Calendar and Daily prayer themes

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| Sun 15 EPIPHANY 2           | Jessica and Tayah Philipps; Anneke Pol            |
| Mon 16 DEL Week 1           | John, Hilary, and Laure Roden, Hope Dixey         |
| Tues 17 Charles Gore        | Rosemary Ross; Helen Schofield; Grace, Ada Sharpe |
| Wed 18 CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK | Sam, Joe, Charlie and Isla Seabrook               |
| Thurs 19 St Wulfstan        | Susan and Eric Sorensen; Ver5a Taggart            |
| Fri 20 Feria                | Fr Stephen Taylor; Stu, Joemil and Siena Taylor   |
| Sat 21 Feria                | Ken and Margaret Thompson; Fr Victor de Waal      |
| Sun 22 EPIPHANY 3           | Fr Jim Walters; Kathryn Wark; Tim Willis          |

**PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome**

- SICK** Beatrice Awoonor-Renner, Gloria Falcioni, Peter Freeth, Charity Garnett, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, Beryl Lloyd, Paul Mortier, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Julia Taylor, Arthur Ward, Revd Marjorie Ward and Mary Whalley.
- MEMORIALS** Today: Harry Holness (1986), Mary Murphy, Nick Garsed (2010); 17th: Joan Williams (2011); 20th: David Lee, priest (1993).
- INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS In the US:** Fr Travis Smith at Holy Comforter, Angleton and Mth Suzanne Smith, Rector of Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. *In Japan:* Fr Sebastian and Yuki Naniwa, now transferred to a university chaplaincy in Tokyo.
- PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE** We pray for the release of *Peter Jouvenal*, who has been held by the Taliban since December 2021; for all those being held in Iran as the result of the recent riots.



Open from 12 noon each Monday.



**A FUN RUN THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY**  
A SKETCH OF THE VARIOUS KEY EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH OVER THE LAST 2000 YEARS  
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PARISH MASS  
for Epiphany 2  
Sunday 15 January 2023

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 EPIPHANY 2

Entry Hymn: **AM714 Lord of all power**

[t Slane]

*Lord of all power, I give you my will,  
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.  
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,  
and, held by your keeping, my weakness is strong.*

*Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,  
rich truth that surpasses man's knowledge to find.  
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard  
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your Word.*

*Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;  
I praise and adore you for all you impart:  
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,  
your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.*

*Lord of all being, I give you my all;  
if e'er I disown you I stumble and fall;  
but, sworn in glad service your word to obey,  
I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.*

(Words: Jack Winslow)

**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 Preparation**

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth:  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
**Know that the Lord is God;  
it is he who has made us and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and bless his name.  
**For the Lord is gracious,  
his steadfast love is everlasting,  
and his faithfulness endures  
from generation to generation!**

## Confession

**God our Father,  
long suffering, full of grace and truth,  
you create us from nothing and give us life.  
You do not turn your face from us  
nor cast us aside.**

**We confess that we have sinned  
against you and against our neighbours.**

**We have wounded your love  
and married your image in us.**

**Restore us for the sake of your Son,  
and bring us to the joy of your heavenly Kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Dom Gregory Murray

**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 sin of 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.**

*The Collect*

**Collect: O God, from our earliest days you called us by name. May our ears hear your voice and our spirits be eager to respond to your word so that, having heard you in the silence of our hearts, we may all enjoy the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*1st Reading: (Isaiah 49: 1-7)* Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

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

*Stay seated for the Gradual: AM620 Lord Jesus, when you came* [t St Botolph]

**Lord Jesus, when you came to earth,  
you talked of life above:  
through every culture, every birth,  
you seek our answering love.**

**From east to west your love extends:  
no distance is too far.  
You call and claim us as your friends  
and love us as we are.**

**Where age and gender, class and race  
so easily divide,  
you see a person and a face  
and stretch your arms out wide.**

**May we, accepted, loved and free,  
have confidence to know  
that only in humility  
can we find space to grow.**

(Words: JB, based on a hymn by Brian Wren)

*2nd Reading: (1 Corinthians 1: 1-9)* Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

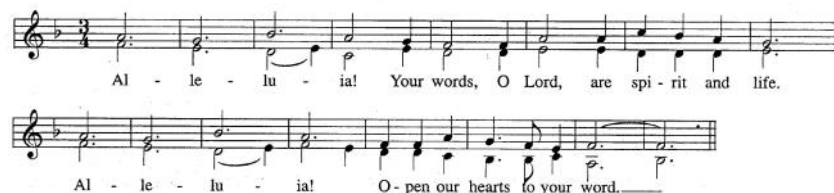
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*A short time of silence follows as we recall all we have heard so far.*

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:*

**The word became flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.**

*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 Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord**

(St John 1: 29-42) The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

*Stand*

**Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe that in the beginning was the Word, and that the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him is life and that life is the light for us all. The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us; we have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

*Sit or Kneel*

**Intercessions**

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

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

*Stand*

**The Peace**

Jesus said, Come follow me and I will make you fish for people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*Offertory Hymn: CAHON422 Lord, we come to ask*

[Ar hyd y nos]

**Lord, we come to ask your healing, teach us of love; all unspoken shame revealing, teach us of love. Take our selfish thoughts and actions, petty feuds, divisive factions, hear us now to you appealing, teach us of love.**

*Soothe away our pain and sorrow, hold us in love;  
grace we cannot buy or borrow, hold us in love.  
Though we see but dark and danger,  
though we spurn both friend and stranger,  
though we often dread tomorrow, hold us in love.*

*When the bread is raised and broken, fill us with love;  
words of consecration spoken, fill us with love.  
As our grateful prayers continue,  
make the faith that we have in you  
more than just an empty token, fill us with love.*

*Help us live for one another, bind us in love;  
stranger, neighbour, father, mother - bind us in love.  
All are equal at your table,  
through your Spirit, make us able  
to embrace as sister, brother, bind us in love.*

(Words: Jean Holloway)

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.**

God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ  
who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new  
in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. **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.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God.

Out of your great love you made a covenant with your people.  
We became your servants, born to glorify your holy name.

In time you made us to be a light to the nations,  
a place of safety where all those who were scattered could return home.  
You restored our energies and gave us life and hope

Yet still we rejected your will for us;  
we confined our friendship to our own families  
and those who agreed with us;  
so you sent Jesus to be our Saviour, the Lamb of God  
who laid down his life, not just for us but for all who believe.

He lived our life and died our death  
and so made your glory known to the ends of the earth.  
He embraced our diversity so that Jew and Gentile could be made one  
in the body of Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff begins with the lyrics 'Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff continues with 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san-na in the high - est.' The third staff starts with 'Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -' and the fourth staff concludes with 'san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san-na in the high - est!'. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

Sit

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat, 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 and gave you thanks;  
 he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you;  
 this is my blood of the new covenant,  
 which is shed for you and for all 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 destroyed our life.  
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
 we remember now his offering of himself  
 made once for all upon the cross;  
 we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
 and as we look for the coming of his kingdom,  
 we make with this bread and this cup  
 the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
 this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
 and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
 in the presence of your divine majesty,  
 renew us by your Holy Spirit  
 and nourish us with the body and blood of Christ,  
 that we may grow into his likeness  
 and become a living temple to your glory,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
 we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

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.**

**Agnus Dei**

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy up - on us.  
 Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy up - on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er  
 of the world: give us your peace.

**Invitation**

Draw near with faith, receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was broken for you, and his blood which was shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving; for this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his Supper.

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

After Communion: **CAHON347 Jesus calls us**

[t. St Andrew]

*Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult  
 of the our life's wild restless sea;  
 day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
 saying, Christian, follow me'.*

*Lo, his close disciples heard it  
 by the Galilean lake,  
 turned from home and toil and kindred,  
 leaving all for his dear sake.*

*In our joys and in our sorrows,  
 days of toil and hours of ease,  
 still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
 that we love him more than these.*

*Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,  
 Saviour, make us hear thy call,  
 give us hearts to thine obedience,  
 serve and love thee best of all.*

(Words: C F Alexander ed)

## Post Communion

Lord, you feed us with bread from heaven. May we hear your Son with faith and become your children in name and in fact. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## Community Notices

*Stand*

### Blessing

May Christ, who by his incarnation, gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and with peace; and the blessing...

### Dismissal

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

*Final Hymn:* **AM646 God is working his purpose out**

[t Benson]

*God is working his purpose out,  
as year succeeds to year.  
God is working his purpose out  
and the time is drawing near;  
nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.*

*What can we do to work God's work,  
to prosper and increase  
the love of God in all mankind,  
the reign of the Prince of peace?  
What can we do to hasten the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea?*

*All we can do is nothing worth  
unless God blesses the deed;  
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide  
till God gives life to the seed;  
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.*

(Words: Arthur Campbell Ainger)