

Sunday 22nd January 2023  
EPIPHANY 3

Year A 23/4

# ST JAMES

## Islington N1 8PH

**Collect:** God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good  
news to the poor, release to  
the captives, and freedom  
to the oppressed: anoint us  
with your Holy Spirit and set  
all your people free to praise  
you in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



Welcomer	Hilary Roden
Readers	Eddie Jenkyns and Isabel Nisbet
Interceder	Lucy Haire
E Min	Maria Flavius
Coffee	Isabel Nisbet
<b>Music:</b>	
Entry	AM503 Send, O God
Gradual	AM494 I, the Lord
Offertory	AM511 What do you want
P-Comm	AM460 O thou who at the E.
Final	AM733 O praise ye the Lord
Mass	Burley Mass, Simon Lole

### God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed...

**COLLECTS** Over the last couple of weeks we have been picking up on words and phrases in our Masses which can so easily pass us by. We talked about the word 'Epiphany' and then last Sunday the phrase, 'Lamb of God'. But what about the weekly Collect, the prayer of the week designed to 'collect' our thoughts before we tackle the three Bible readings? Do these prayers really speak to us meaningfully? I ask this because the Collect for today (left) happens to coincide with a major declaration of the Bishops in the Church of England. After a six year review they have

now said that the Church will not change its traditional teaching that Christian marriage cannot be redefined. Whatever our civil law allows, the Church believes that it is exclusively the joining together of a man and a woman. Yes there are apologies for the way the Church has treated members of the LGBTQIA+ community; yes there is permission for clergy to bless those in same-gender relationships and yes, clergy will no longer be obliged to sign up to a discussion document called 'Issues in Human Sexuality' which demands a celibate life style for the ordained who are single. But there is no clear understanding of what will replace it. So yet again the Church is caught on the horns of a dilemma. Those who oppose what is sometimes called equal marriage will breathe a huge sigh of relief and those who are calling for change will continue to say the Church of England is failing "to proclaim the good news to the poor and offer freedom to the oppressed." It also seems likely that MPs will want to bring pressure to bear on the Church, believing that it wrong for the CofE to hold out against the broader definition of marriage already approved by Parliament. As we pray the Collect today, may we ask for God's wisdom to work out the way forward so that this prayer is not just a string of empty words...

**MOORFIELDS** Thank you for all your kind concern for my eyes. After six months I am delighted that I have finally got an appointment at the Moorfields Cornea Clinic. This is scheduled for 1.15pm this coming Wednesday. I will then know what treatment is possible.

#### 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.

Fr John, the Churchwardens and the PCC of St James' Church, Prebend Street, London N1 8PH warmly invite

to celebrate the restoration and extension of the Gray and Davison organ.

Choral Evensong will begin at 5pm on Sunday 7th May 2023.

The preacher will be Rt Revd Stephen Oliver, former Bishop of Storrington, and the music will be sung by the Canvas Consort. A drinks reception will follow at 6.15pm.

The Opening recital will begin at 7pm and will be given by Charles Andrews, Professor of Organ at the Royal College of Music and Liturgical Organist at the Temple Church.

We very much hope that you will be able to join us. Free admission is by ticket. To help with catering please RSVP by Friday April 21st 2023.

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**WELL OVER 130 INVITATIONS** to the opening of the organ on Sunday May 7th have been sent out by email this week but of course everybody is welcome! If you would like Vicky to be in touch with anyone else, please let her know ([hallatstjames@gmail.com](mailto:hallatstjames@gmail.com)) and we will add them to the list as entry will have to be by ticket. So far the uptake has been very encouraging. More details to come.

**THE PCC** meets this Wednesday by zoom. If there is a theme to these early meetings in 2023 it is 'getting our house in order', making sure everything is working properly before the 'Quinquennial Inspection', the five yearly check on the Church building, inside and out that will take place after Easter. This will include a look at the roof and the external pointing. We also hope to have a form of words for an advert for a Buildings coordinator. In February the new Archdeacon meets with the PCC for the first time as we prepare a new Parish Profile...

#### THIS WEEK

- Sun 22 **EPIPHANY 3 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.** (Fr Stephen)
- Tues NO 8.30am Morning Prayer or 9am Mass. 7-9pm Corsican Brass. 7.30pm Fun Run through Church History, Vicarage.
- Wed **10am Mass. 7-9pm Sing rehearsal.** 7.30pm PCC meets by Zoom.
- Thurs **10am Fr John at Deanery Chapter meeting with Bp Joanne, Clerkenwell.** 2.30pm AV repair, CAVS. **6pm Evening Prayer.** 6.15-7pm Office Session. 7pm Cantallini.
- Sun 29 **EPIPHANY 4 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

#### Calendar and Daily prayer themes

- Sun 22 **EPIPHANY 3** Fr Jim Walters; Kathryn Wark; Tim Willis
- Mon 23 **DEL Week 2** Chris Wright; Claudia Adao; Lebbly and Sarah Anafu
- Tues 24 **St Francis de Sales** Lisa, Darren, Max and Oscar Ahmet-Baker
- Wed 25 **Conversion of St Paul** Louise Ahmet, Vinney, Benjy and Sienna
- Thurs 26 **SS Timothy and Titus** Martin and Kerri Allen; Vicky Bellamy
- Fri 27 **Feria** Beatrice Awoonor-Renner; Richard and Elizabeth Batchelor
- Sat 28 **St Thomas Aquinas** Albert and Annie Bryan; Vivienne Carlton
- Sun 29 **EPIPHANY 4** Fr John, Maria and Sinead Burniston

### PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy returns today to Chris Wright; on Friday to Joyce Harvey and on Saturday to our organist, Adam Dickson.
- 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** Caroline Yates (2020); 27th: John Evans (1993), Violet Bryant (2002).
- 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.



PARISH MASS  
FOR EPIPHANY 3



PARISH MASS  
for Epiphany 3  
January 22nd 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.

Entry Hymn: **AM503 Send, O God, your Holy Spirit** [t Redhead No 46]

*Send, O God, your Holy Spirit  
on your people gathered here.  
Fill our lives with gentle courage;  
let your love cast our fear.*

*Every perfect gift is given  
by the God whose name we bear  
to equip the saints of Jesus  
for the saving work we share.*

*Gifts of wisdom, gifts of knowledge,  
gifts of faith and healing grace,  
gifts that in the Spirit's power  
will reveal the Saviour's face.*

*All God's children, all Christ's people,  
all the saints, receive this word!  
Claim the gift, the faith, the promise,  
build the body of the Lord.*

(Words: Sylvia Dunstan)

**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**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Confession

**All seeing God,  
you have searched our hearts and minds  
and have discovered our blindness and our weakness,  
our fears and our selfishness.  
In sorrow we confess that we have sinned against you  
and disobeyed your command to love others  
as we love ourselves.  
Forgive us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ  
who became like us so that we might become like him. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins for the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Collect

**God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint  
us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise  
you in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sit

## The Word of God

*1st Reading: (Isaiah 9: 1-4)* But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stay sitting for the Gradual Hymn: AM494 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...***

*2nd Reading: (1 Corinthians 1: 10-18)* Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A short time of silence follows as we reflect on all we have heard.*

## 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:

**Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the Kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.**

We sing once more: **Alleluia, your words, O Lord...**

## 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 4: 12-23) Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Sit

## 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

Prayers of Intercession

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

The Peace

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil. As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory: **AM511 Will you come and follow me**

[t Solothurn]

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know, and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
will you care for cruel and kind, and never be the same?  
will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer in you, and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free, and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you, and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside, and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound in you, and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you, and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and love and grow in you, and you in me.**

(Words: John Bell and Graham Maule)

## 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.**

Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you  
this day, and strengthen us in that calling. 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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

You made the whole human race and chose us in Christ  
to be the bearers of your Good News.  
You have shaken us and filled us with your Spirit;  
you have worked signs and wonders among us  
so that we might know your power to save.

Not many of us are wise by human standards,  
not many are influential or of noble birth.  
Yet you choose the foolish to shame the wise,  
you choose the weak to shame the strong  
so that we might learn that your strength  
is made perfect in our weakness.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,  
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven,  
for ever praising you and singing:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san-na in the high - est!

*Sit or kneel* 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:

**Christ has died,  
Christ has risen,  
Christ will come again.**

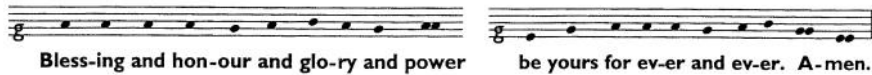
Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

## Agnus Dei

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

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.**



## Invitation

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave 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 or kneel*

## After Communion

*At Communion:* **AM460 O thou who at the Eucharist** [t Song 1]

**O thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray  
that all thy Church might be for ever one,  
grant us at every Eucharist to say  
with longing hearts and soul, 'Thy will be done':  
O may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;  
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:  
thus may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,  
back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:  
soon may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

*So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
may we be one with all thy Church above,  
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:  
more blessed still, in peace and love to be  
one with the Trinity in Unity.* (Words: WH Turton)

### Post Communion

#### Communion Antiphon:

Look up at the Lord with gladness and smile; your face will never be ashamed.

#### Post Communion:

Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.**

#### Stand

### Blessing and Dismissal

May Christ, who in coming to live among us gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill our lives with his light and joy and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Final Hymn: **AM753 O praise ye the Lord** [t. Laudate Dominum]

*O praise ye the Lord  
praise him the height;  
rejoice in his word, ye angel of light;  
ye heavens adore him,  
by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him,  
in brightness arrayed.*

*O praise ye the Lord!  
praise him upon earth,  
in tuneful accord, all you of new birth;  
praise him who has brought you  
his grace from above,  
praise him who hath taught you  
to sing of his love.*

*O praise ye the Lord!  
all things that give sound;  
each jubilant chord re-echo around;  
loud organs his glory  
forth tell in deep tone,  
and, sweet harp, the story  
of what he hath done.*

*O praise ye the Lord!  
thanksgiving and song  
to him be outpoured all ages along:  
for love in creation,  
for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation,  
O praise ye the Lord!*

(Words: H W Baker)