

Sunday 12 March 2023

LENT 3

Year A

23/10

ST JAMES Islington N1 8PH



Welcomer As arranged
 Readers Chris Carter, Susan Sorensen
 Interceder Lucy Haire
 E Min Ken Thompson
 Coffee Vicky Bellamy
Music:
 Entry 1 CAHON422 Lord, we come
 R Psalm Psalm 95
 Offertory AM669 I heard the voice
 2SC (75) There is a Redeemer, Tambling
 Final LamPr140 Praise the One
 Mass Geordie Mass

Collect: Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



THE WOMAN AT THE WELL Taking the 476 bus to Tottenham Town Hall as I did on Tuesday in the company of an 85-year old Islington resident, my companion spent the whole time remarking on the different languages and ethnic groups that we met on the way - the Turkish shops of Stoke Newington and the fur hat wearing men of the Jewish community living in Stamford Hill amongst others. In today's Gospel Jesus is sitting at a well in Samaritan territory, near Sychar, roughly half way between Jerusalem and Nazareth. Like London today, the different ethnic groups had developed their own customs and laws - and by and large kept themselves to themselves. What does this passage from St John have to offer our cosmopolitan city? What does it say about a world that finds it harder and harder to live in peace?

IT'S HERE! As you can see all around you this morning, a considerable amount of the new organ was delivered yesterday from Swindon - and there is more to come on Monday! The first consignment included the very heavy swell box with its shutters facing the sanctuary and the nave. The volume of the pipes located within the box can be controlled by a 'swell' pedal on the new organ console. The rest of the pipes will then be spread in ranks on the new platform and some of these we will be able to see - beautifully gilded by Robert Woodland over the last two weeks - which will stand on the front of the new gallery. So the organ will not only provide a completely new 'sound' but will also be a feast for the eyes!

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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PASSION READING For the third week there will be passages from St Mark's Gospel available for you to take away. This week the long sheets start with Jesus talking about the greatest commandments before pointing to the generosity of a poor widow that no one else would have noticed. Try St Mark 12:26-44.

FAR FLUNG John Sewell emailed earlier in the week to say he had been watching our Mass last Sunday - from Brisbane in Australia! John travels a lot and he has asked for our help; he is looking for a good UK accountant and wondered if we had any recommendations? If you know of anyone, can you let me have their details please?

THIS WEEK

Sun LENT 3 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Weekdays: Monday 27th February to Friday 31st March
CHURCH CLOSED FOR THE REINSTALLATION OF THE ORGAN
 No Weekday Masses or daytime music rehearsals.

Mon am Paul Mortier arrives with the rest of the organ to start the rebuilding process. 6.15pm Confirmation Groups: a re-run of the 'Fun Run through Church History'. 7.30pm Induction of the new interim Vicar of St Stephen's, Canonbury.
 Tues 7.30pm Confirmation Gp A: The Passion Story through various eyes.
 Wed 2.15pm Fr John at Moorfield Eye Hospital. 7-9pm Sing rehearsal.
 Thurs 2-4pm 'Catholic Mission today', St Anne's, Hoxton. 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15-7pm Office Session. 7pm Cantallini.
 Fri 7.30pm Lent Film 4: 'Paul, Apostle of Christ'.
 Sun 19 LENT 4/MOTHERING SUNDAY 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Calendar and Daily prayer themes

Sun 12 LENT 3 Mostyn, Nieve, Ilaria, Arlo Goodwin; Mark and Norah Hodge
 Mon 13 DEL Lent 3 Rebecca, Rob, Evelyn and Alice Holtom; Alastair Hume
 Tues 14 Feria Kris Hyde; Hayley, Theo, Freddie and Evie Jenkins
 Wed 15 Feria Eddie Jenkyns; Grace and Elrose Joseph; Miranda Jules
 Thurs 16 Feria Eva, Roy, Jerome, and Zuri Kasella; Kingsley Lewis
 Fri 17 St Patrick Charlotte, Josh, Olivia and Alfie Kennedy; Beryl Lloyd
 Sat 18 Feria Paula, Gianni and Giandre Morrison; Sergio and Cecy Munoz
 Sun 19 LENT 4 Jade Nicholson, John, Charlie and Henry Green

PACK UP for the street community always very grateful for these items:

Instant coffee
 Biscuits
 (in packets rather than in tins)
 Tinned soup Sugar

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy returns on Thursday to Ava Wilson who will be 13 and to Ethan Faloppa who will be 17.
- CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** Please continue to pray for Mohammad Bagheri, Thomas G, Karensa Greenaway, Eva Kasella, Jade Nicholson, Anneke Pol, Rebecca Lee and Belle Williams.
- SICK** Peter Freeth, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, Beryl Lloyd, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Julia Taylor, Arthur Ward, Revd Marjorie Ward and Mary Whalley.
- MEMORIALS** Today: Lee Tane (2008); 15th: Giuseppe Saponara (1997); Prof. Andy Burroughs (2014); 18th: John Semaine (2002).
- INTERNATIONAL LINKS In the US:** Fr Travis Smith, Rector of 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*, held by the Taliban since December 2021
- ALSO** We pray for all those being held in Iran as the result of the recent riots; for peace in Ukraine; for all these affected by the earthquake in Turkey and in Syria and for the work of the DEC.



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 12 noon each
 Monday.



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PARISH MASS
for Lent 3
March 12th 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 LENT 3
The Woman at the well

Entry Hymn: **CAHON422 Lord, we come to ask your healing** [t 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.*

*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)

The Preparation

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

Jesus, Saviour of the world, come to us in your mercy;
we look to you to save and help us.
**By your cross and your life laid down you set your people free:
we look to you to save and help us.**
When they were ready to perish you saved your disciples:
we look to you to come to our help.
**In the greatness of your mercy
loose us from our chains:
forgive the sins of all your people.**
Make yourself known as our saviour and mighty deliverer:
save and help us that we may praise you.
**Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus:
hear our prayer and be with us always.**

And when you come in your glory:
**make us to be one with you
and to share the life of your kingdom.**

Confession

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**



Kyrie

**Lord, have mercy upon us all. Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us all. Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us all. Christ, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us all. Christ, Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us all. Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us**

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

Collect

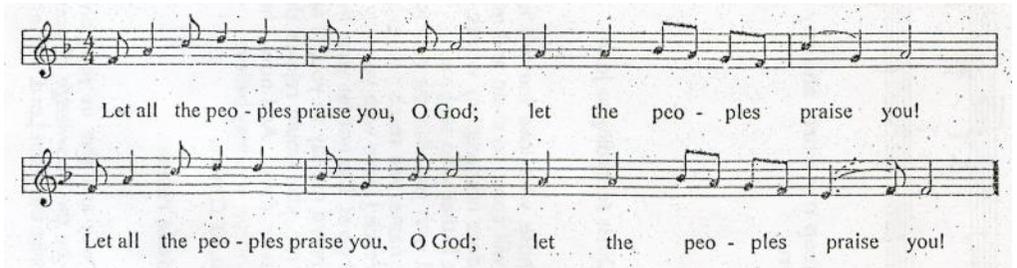
**Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up
what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

1st Reading: (Exodus 17: 1-7) From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 95



Come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence
with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms. **(R)**

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
O that today you would listen to his voice:
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
on that day at Massah in the desert, **(R)**

For there your forefathers tested me
and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my works.
Forty years long was I grieved
with that generation. **(R)**

So I said 'This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways.'
So I swore in my anger,
They shall not enter my rest.' (R)

2nd Reading: (Romans 5: 1-11) Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Let us stand and welcome the Gospel

We sing:



We say together:

God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

We sing once more: **Praise to you, O Christ...**

Gospel: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

(St John 4: 4-5, 19-26, 39-42) Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. The woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?'

Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. For I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.'

Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. The hour is coming when all true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.' The woman said to him, 'I know that the Messiah is coming and that when he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

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

Sit

Sermon

Stand

The Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father.
God from God, light from light, true God from true God,
begotten not made, of one Being with the Father;
though him all things were made.**

Geordie Mass

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven;
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Intercessions

At the end:

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

Stand

The Peace

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel, peace to those who are far off
and those who are near.

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

Offertory Hymn: **AM669 I heard the voice of Jesus say**

[t Kingsfold]

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life, I'll walk
till travelling days are done.*

(Words: Horatius Bonar)

At the Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth as given and human hands have made.
It will become the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all 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.**

Spring of life and Source of goodness, receive all we offer you this day, and
bring us to the living water, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
Almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

Day by day we meet with you when we least expect.
You are there when we wake and when we go to sleep;
through the people we meet and the people who serve us;
through our families and our friends
and those of faith who walk alongside us,
your voice of love and wisdom shines through.

Like the woman at the well we discover
the One who will come to save us;
our lives are transformed and our hope is restored.

And so with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we join in their unending hymn of praise:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of might and God of power.
Glory fills all heaven and earth;
sing to him Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of Christ our Lord.
Holy, holy, holy Lord;
sing to him Hosanna!**

Sit/kneel

We praise and bless you, loving Father
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends,
and taking bread, shared it with them and said:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took a cup of wine.
Again he gave you thanks, shared 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.

So, Father, as we remember all that Jesus did,
we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
We set before you the bread of life and the cup of salvation.
We proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

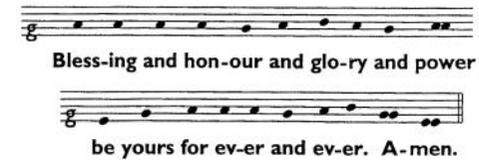
**Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come again,
Come again in glory.**

Geordie Mass

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth,
and your kingdom comes.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Mary the Mother of God, St James and all the saints to be
with you for ever at your table in heaven.

Through him, with him and in him, 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:



Bless-ing and hon-our and glo-ry and power

be yours for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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.**

The 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.**

Agnus Dei



*Lamb of God, you take our sins,
take away nor sins, Lord.
So have mercy on us all,
so have mercy on us. (repeat)*

*Lamb of God, you take our sins,
take away our sins, Lord.
Grant us peace, O grant us peace.
Grant us peace for ever.*

Invitation to Communion

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 by faith with thanksgiving, for this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins 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.

Post Communion: **CAHON658 There is a Redeemer**

*There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son;
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

*Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain: Thank you...*

*When I stand in glory I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever in that holy place. Thank you...*

(Words and music: Keith Green and Melody Green)

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, we have found the living water. Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

Blessing

God grant you grace to live in holiness, deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Final Hymn: **LamPr50 I waited patiently**

[t AM587 Amazing Grace]

*I waited patiently for God,
for God to hear my prayer,
and God bent down to where I sank,
and listened to me there.*

*God raised me from the miry pit,
from mud and stinking sand,
and set my feet upon a rock,
where I can firmly stand.*

*And on my lips a song was put,
a new song to the Lord.
Many will marvel, open eyed,
and put their trust in God.*

*Great wonders you have done, O Lord,
all minded for our good:
unable every one to name,
I bow in gratitude.*

(Words: Psalm 40, ed. John Bell)