

Sunday 19 March 2023

LENT 4

Year A

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ST JAMES Islington N1 8PH

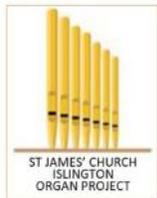


Welcomer Isabel Nisbet
 Readers Sam Seabrook and Mohammad Bagheri
 Interceder Luigi Falconi
 E Min Hilary Roden
 Coffee Eva Kasella
Music:
 Entry AM313 For Mary, mother
 Gradual AM721 Love divine
 Offertory AM137 God of Eve
 P-Comm CAHON68 Be still my soul;
 Final TP23 Though I speak
 Mass Addington Mass

Collect: Almighty God, you created family life to be a rock and a refuge in the uncertainties of the world. Listen, we pray, to the prayers of your people and teach us to imitate your motherly love in our care for one another. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS to Toni Parker, lead coordinator of Pack-Up, who received the Mayor's Civic Award this week for services to the community. This is hugely well deserved as her hard work and persistence has enabled Pack-Up to grow and grow over the last seven years, making excellent relationships with the ARC and with the 35+ members of the street community who find their way to St James' Hall every Monday lunchtime. Well done!



THE ORGAN PROJECT As Paul Mortier the organ builder remarked on Wednesday night, nothing seems to happen on such schemes for months - and then suddenly everything happens at once! The good news is that Robert Woodland has completed all the gilding and the chancel pipes already look fantastic. On Saturday all the parts of the swell box arrived in Islington and it took three men all day to assemble it in the new gallery. Even the crane protested: it was very heavy! This week the rest of the pipework has been delivered and

next week the refurbished console will return to Church and the rest of the pipe work will be installed on the new wind chests. Hopefully the gilded pipes, now drying in the north aisle, will be sufficiently 'cured' so that they can be assembled at the front of the gallery and hooked up to the organ blower situated in the cupboard beneath the gallery. But the pressure is on: Beatrice's funeral has been brought forward to *Thursday 6th April at 2pm* and we are very keen to use the new organ on that occasions as she was so enthusiastic about its completion.

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 our fourth week of Lenten readings we take a deep breath and walk with Jesus from the security of his friendships in Bethany to his Last Supper in the Upper Room, the protestation of Peter and into the gloom of the Garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Long sheets available. Mk 14: 1-42.



CLARE SHEPHERD It was a real pleasure to meet Clare after the 10am Mass last Sunday, and to be at her licensing at St Stephen's on Monday evening. Clare is now the 'interim' priest in charge of Canonbury, helping them to plan for their long term future. She is also very nice! I hope we will see more of her in the coming months.

BIG GROUP Everyone is very welcome to join all our candidates for the session on Tuesday at 7.30pm when we turn our attention to the words and music that make our worship. Do bring a hymn or reading to share with the group.
MOORFIELDS I have finally got confirmation that I need laser treatment on my cornea. No idea of a date yet but thanks so much for your prayers.

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

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

Sun 19 *LENT 4* Jade Nicholson, John, Charlie and Henry Green
 Mon 20 *DEL LENT 4* Isabel Nisbet; Joyce Owusu; Toni Parker
 Tues 21 *Thomas Cranmer, M* Jessica and Tayah Phillips; Anneke Pol
 Wed 22 *Feria* John, Hilary and Laura Roden, Hope Dixey Helen Schofield
 Thurs 23 *Feria* Sam, Joe, Charlie and Isla Seabrook; Grace and Ada Sharpe
 Fri 24 *Oscar Romero, M* Susan and Eric Sorensen; Vera Taggart
 Sat 25 *Feria* Fr Stephen Taylor; Ken and Margaret Thompson
 Sun 26 *LENT 5* Fr Victor de Waal; Fr Jim Walters; Kathryn Wark

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy returns on Wednesday to Teresa Pereira.
- 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** 22nd: Valerie Wilson (2020). Valerie lived in Rees Street and in her will left money towards the Organ Project which will be used to pay all the expenses of the celebrations on May 7th. 23rd: Jennifer Harvey, Rosina Taylor and Arnaud Beltrane (2018).
- 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.
- PRISONER 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 and for peace in Ukraine.



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THIS WEEK

Sun *LENT 4/MOTHERING SUNDAY* 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 Paul Mortier continues with the organ rebuilding. 6.15pm Confirmation Group 3: Meeting God 1 (re-run)..
 Tues 7.30pm Confirmation **BIG GROUP:** Words and Music in worship, Vicarage. 7-9pm *Coriscian Brass*
 Wed Deanery Clergy Chapter, Emmanuel Church. 7-9pm *Sing rehearsal.*
 Thurs 6pm **Evening Prayer.** 6.15-7pm Office Session. 7pm *Cantallini.*
 Fri 7.30pm *Lent Film 5: Nazarin.*
 Sun 26 *LENT 5/PASSION SUNDAY* 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Calendar and Daily prayer themes



Open from 12 noon each Monday.





PARISH MASS
for Lent 4
March 19th 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 4
Mothering Sunday

Entry Hymn: **AM313 For Mary, Mother of our Lord** [t St Botolph]

*For Mary, Mother of our Lord,
God's holy name be praised,
who first the Son of God adored,
as on her child she gazed.*

*Brave, holy virgin, she believed,
though hard the task assigned,
and by the Holy Ghost conceived
the Saviour of mankind.*

*Dear Mary, from your lowliness
and home in Galilee
you bring a joy and holiness
to every family.*

*Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
above all women blest;
and blest your Son, whom you embrace
in birth and death confessed.* (Words: John Peacey, ed)

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.

Words of welcome and introduction follow

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

**Often you weep over our sins and our pride,
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.**

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds,
in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.

**Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life;
by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy.**

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

**Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.**

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.

**In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.**

(Song of St Anselm, Michael Vasey)

Confession

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned, against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

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

Collect

**Almighty God, you created family life to be a rock and a refuge
in the uncertainties of the world. Listen, we pray, to the prayers
of your people and teach us to imitate your motherly love in our
care for one another. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

1st Reading: (1 Samuel 1: 20-end) So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him." When her husband Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow, Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, "After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the Lord, and he will live there always."

"Do what seems best to you," her husband Elkanah told her. "Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the Lord make good his word." So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, and she said to him, "Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him.

So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there.

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

Gradual: **AM721 Love divine, all love's excelling**

[t Love divine]

*Love Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.*

*Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.*

*Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.*

*Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our pace,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise!*

(Words: Charles Wesley)

2nd Reading: (Colossians 3: 12-17) As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and correct one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

Silence - a time to reflect on what we have heard

Let us stand and welcome the Gospel

We sing:



We say together:

Blessed be the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our afflictions.

We sing once more:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Gospel: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord

(St Luke 2: 41-52) Now every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them /questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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.**

**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.**

Sit

Prayers of Intercession

At the end:

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

Prayer of Humble Access

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your Kingdom. Amen.

Stand

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has give us access to his grace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: **AM137 God of Eve and God of Mary** [t AM69ii Sussex]

**God of Eve and God of Mary,
God of love and mother-earth,
thank you for the ones who with us
shared our life and gave us birth.**

**As you came to earth in Jesus,
so you come to us today;
you are present in the caring
that prepares us for life's way.**

**Thank you that the Church, our Mother,
gives us bread and wine to sup,
and the comfort of the Spirit
warms our hearts and lifts us up.**

**Thank you for belonging, shelter,
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
and for those who have no children,
yet are parents under God.**

**God of Eve and God of Mary,
Christ our Brother, human Son,
Spirit, caring like a Mother,
take our love and make us one!** (Words: Fred Kaan, alt.)

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 mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love.
Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer F

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, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Cradling God, we thank you and we praise you
because, like a mother, you brought all things into being.
Through trials and truth-telling, touch and tenderness,
you nurtured your people
and led them in the ways of justice and of peace.

When the time came for you to dwell among us as flesh and blood,
your Holy Spirit called a woman to be the god-bearer,
so that in her we might see how our bodies can reveal your glory.
And so with the angels and archangels and all the household of heaven,
we sing the song of your glory:



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 in the high - est.

Sit/kneel Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
kneel loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us;
 dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,
 that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
 he 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.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

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:



Geordie Mass

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

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
 we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
 we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
 and we long for his coming in glory.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
 Father by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
 be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 form us into the likeness of Christ
 and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people
 and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
 Bless the earth, heal the sick,
 let the oppressed go free
 and fill your Church with power from on high.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
 to feast with Mary the Mother of God,
 St James, St Peter, St Joseph and all your saints
 at the table in your kingdom,
 where the new creation is brought to perfection
 in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
 for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.**

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

Steady ♩ = 88 *p*



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy.

mp



on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy.

p



on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy.

Slower



world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

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.

Sit

After Communion

Post Communion Hymn: **CAHON68 Be still my soul**

[t Finlandia]

*Be still my soul: the Lord is at your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend,
through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.*

*Be still my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey
his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.*

*Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointments, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

(Words: Katherine von Schelgel, trans. Jane Borthwick)

Communion Antiphon:

Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth; blessed are those who hunger and thirst for the sake of right, for they will be filled.

Post Communion:

Loving God, as a mother tenderly feeds her children, so you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus 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 and Blessing

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

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

Final Hymn: **TP23 Though I speak the tongues of angels**

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

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

*Love is patient, love is kind, love will pardon and excuse.
Love is never rude or selfish but delights in what is right.
There are things that we have come to trust that must come to an end.
Only love will finally endure. Faith, hope...*

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

(Words: 1 Corinthians 13/JB)

