

Sunday 7 May 2023
EASTER 5

Year A 23/18

ST JAMES

Islington N1 8PH

Collect: Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked: draw us out of our concern with ourselves and enable us to bind the wounds of Christ as found in those we serve. Grant this through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.



Welcomer Shirley Chinery
Reader As arranged
Interceder Thomas G
E Min Laura Roden
Coffee Vicky Bellamy
Music:
Entry AM491 Go to the world
Gradual TP85 Let us build a bridge together
Offertory AM725 Make me a channel
P-Comm TP23 Though I speak
Final AM665 I am the light
Mass Mass of All Nations



WILLIAM LAMBE As we finally celebrate the completion of the Organ Project, we cannot forget that two thirds of the cost of the work came from the generous legacy of William Lambe - who died in 1580! Bereaved of seven children and two of his three wives, he left the fortune he had made from selling cloth to his Livery Company (the Clothworkers) who salted it away for the parish to draw on when needed. Between the wars the Lamb bequest provided a new roof and in the 1970s when times were hard it kept St James' afloat. Now we give thanks that William Lambe is investing in the development of our musical ministry in the rebuilding and extension of the organ.

CORONATION It has not been possible to make much of a celebration here in Church because of this afternoon's events but the Arlington Association are holding an open air picnic in Arlington Square this lunchtime and there is space for all. We hope the rain holds off!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING I am glad to report that my eyes have improved dramatically this week and at last I can see what I am doing! This means that we can hold the AGM in Church after the 10am Mass next Sunday. This will enable us to elect Churchwardens and new members of the PCC and to update the congregation on the work to write the new Parish Profile. Also in the mix will be the 2023 'Review of the Year', an annual reminder of all the good things that God has been doing with us!

TOP AWARD Congratulations to Sinead who has been made an honorary Associate of the Royal Academy of Music for her sterling administrative work over many years. The ceremony is on Tuesday afternoon. Well done!

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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CONFIRMATION PREPARATION Getting our groups together continues to be difficult as work schedules, ill relatives - and an Arsenal home game - have all conspired to keep people away! The good news is that the members say they are enjoying the course and we are now planning to extend the session beyond the Confirmation itself to make sure we have all the bases covered. I have been in touch with Bp Joanne and I hope she will allow our Sunday School children to quiz her on the role of a bishop in today's Church. I suspect we will all learn quite a lot!

ST JAMES' GARDENS Thanks to Eleanor Brook, Principal Project Manager for the refurbishment of the gardens adjacent to the Church, a radical rethink has taken place and the area of hard standing, while not ideal, has been at least doubled in size.

Work relaying block work and laying new paths is planned to begin in the middle of July and completed before the Proms series begins on Friday 15th September. Much to my delight many of the unkempt bushes will disappear and there will be more seating too. Planting will commence in the autumn.

THIS WEEK

Sun **EASTER 5 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 5pm CHORAL EVENSONG AND ORGAN RECITAL. CHURCH OPEN DAILY AGAIN! 7pm Lucy piano trio rehearsal.**
Mon **8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 6.30pm Catch up session.**
Tue **7.30pm Big Group session: 'Confirmation Today'.**
Wed **10am Mass. 11.30am Funeral of Sarah Lawrence. 7-9pm 'Sing' return for their weekly rehearsals.**
Thurs **6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15pm Office Hour. 7-9pm Cantallini.**
Sat **2pm Wedding Blessing of Josiah Ackerman and Natasha Padua.**
Sun 14 **EASTER 6 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 11.15am Parish AGM (new date).**

Calendar and Daily prayer themes

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 7 **EASTER 5** For the Musical Ministry of St James' Church
Mon 8 **DEL Easter 5** Fr John, Maria and Sinead Burniston; Vivienne Carlton
Tue 9 **Feria** Chris, Katja, Arnold and Egon Carter; Dionne Carter
Wed 10 **Feria** Alex, Claire, Kaitlin and Oliver Church; Dennis Davis
Thurs 11 **Feria** Sophie Duffy, James, Reggie and Olive Murphy
Fri 12 **Gregory Dix** Adam Dickson; Weini and Ethan Faloppa
Sat 13 **Feria** Veronica Ferrando, Andrea, Anita, Diana and Orland Losito
Sun 14 **EASTER 6** Luigi, Jane, Luca, Francesca, Matteo and Gloria Falcioni

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAYS Many Happy Returns tomorrow to Miranda Jules, our member in Whitham; on Tuesday to Isabel Nisbet our tireless Churchwarden; on Thursday to Arnold Carter who will be 10; on Saturday to Charlie Green, also 10 and to our twins Diana and Orlando Losito who will be 5.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES Please continue to pray for Mohammad Bagheri, Thomas G, Karensa Greenaway, Eva Kasella, Rebecca Lee, Jade Nicholson, Anneke Pol and Belle Williams.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE Between James Julius Michael Carrell and Alice Lydia Young, both single and of this parish with a QC with St Mary's, Brent Pelham, Hertfordshire; and between Elliott John Hart and Sarah Louise Hassell, both single and of this parish with a QC with St Francis', Welwyn G C. These are for the 1st TOA.

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.

DEPARTED We pray for the soul of Sarah Katherine Lawrence, to be laid to rest from St James' on Wednesday.

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 Jouvanel*, held by the Taliban since December 2021 and for all political prisoners.



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PARISH MASS
for Easter 5
May 7th 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 EASTER 5 2023

Entry Hymn: **AM491 Go to the world!**

[t Engelberg]

*Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia!*

*Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of Christ's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia!*

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia!*

*Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when every broken heart my love shall mend! Alleluia!*

(Words: Sylvia Dunstan ed JB)

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen:
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

Words of Preparation

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
**not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ, once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.
**In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.**

For as by man came death;
by man has come also the resurrection
of the dead.

**For as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive!**

Confession

Easter Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. 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

**Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked:
draw us out of our concern with ourselves and enable us to
bind the wounds of Christ as found in those we serve. Grant
this through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.**

Sit

The Word of God

1st Reading: (Acts 7: 55-end) But Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

Gradual Hymn: TP85 Let us build a bridge together

*Let us build a bridge together,
so that we stand hand in hand.
In this bridge we are united
if we try to understand.*

*Let the bridge give us the courage
to stand for what is right;
let the bridge be as a symbol
for peace and not for might.*

*Let us start in our bridge building
over borders, over sea;
for our bridge is a reminder
of how costly life can be. Let the bridge...*

*If you want to stand by others
each must be a bridge for them.
Cross a bridge and meet your neighbour;
find their strengths, do not condemn. Let the bridge...*

*Let this bridge be like a signpost
of our hopes for years to come.
Building bridges, lots more bridges,
through the power of God's own Son. Let the bridge...*

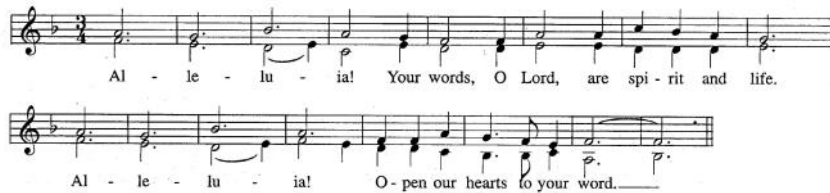
(Words: From the Katholischen Landjugendbewegung, Wurtzburg, adapted JB)

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

Let us stand and welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

We sing together:



We say together:

Jesus said, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father, except through me'.

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 John

Glory to you, O Lord

(St John 14: 1-14) 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'

Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

Sit

Sermon

Stand

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father; the almighty who is, and was, and is to come.

We believe in Jesus Christ; the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead, the King of Kings who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of many gifts, sent from the throne on high.

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Sit

Prayers of Intercession

At the end:

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

Stand

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the risen Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia, alleluia **and also with you. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Offertory Hymn: **AM725 Make me a channel**

[t St Francis]

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;

and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled and to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy. O Master...**

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

(Words: Sebastian Temple)

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.**

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May
everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in
the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 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.

Loving God, you have prepared a place for us
among the many rooms of your house in heaven.
By faith you have made us a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, inheritors with the saints of all that is good.

No longer can we say we do not know the way
for in Jesus we know the way, the truth and the life.
Once we wandered in deserts and dry places
but now you reveal the wellsprings of your grace and mercy
so that we can become your people once again.

And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company
of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dore you! My
In God's name is com - ing the One whom we call Bles - sed. Ho -
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord,
sann - a in the high - est. Praise and thanks to God.

Sit

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:



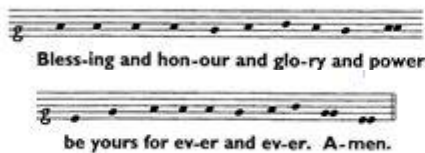
Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

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.

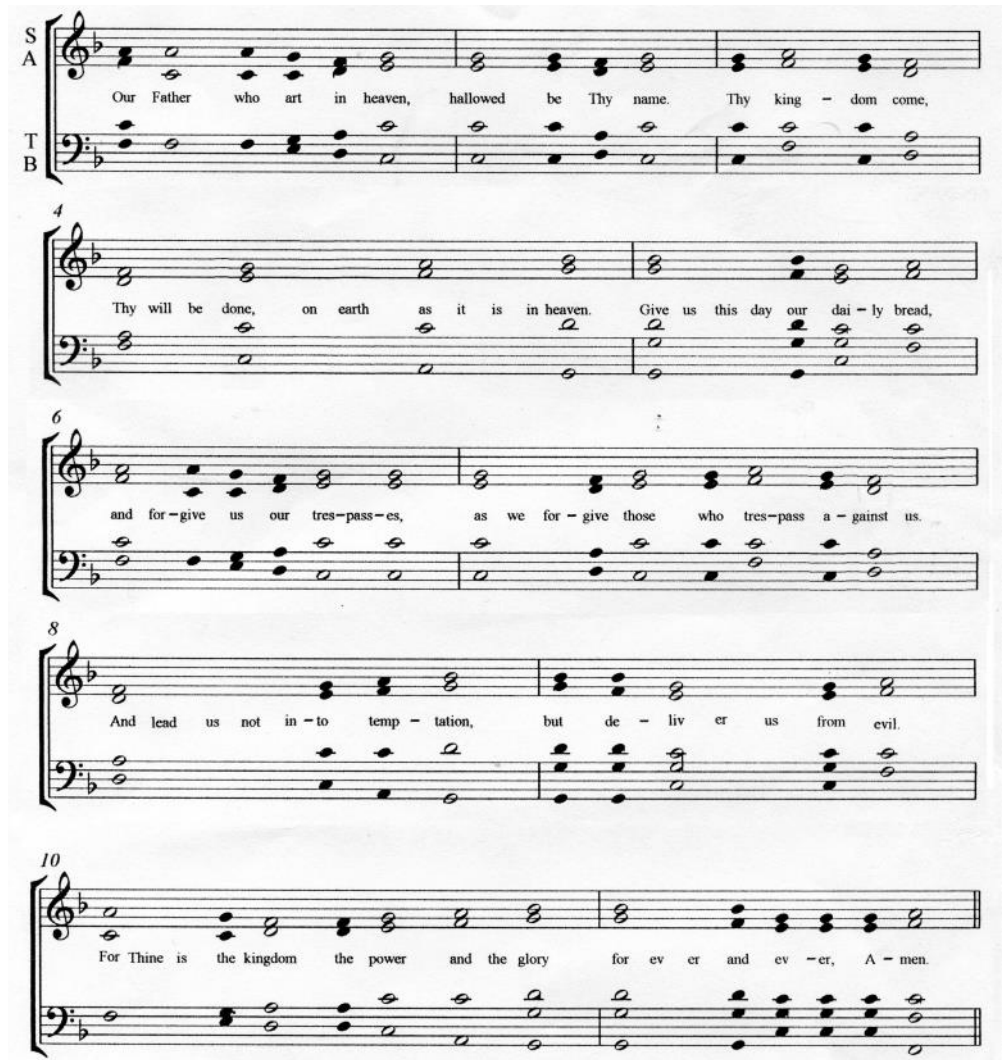
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us into the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

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:



As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:



Fraction

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.' The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom. **Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

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Agnus Dei



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

Communion Antiphon:

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; those who live in me and I in them, will bear much fruit. Alleluia

Post Communion:

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

ion

**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.**

Post Commun-

Community Notices and Blessing

Dismissal

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

Final Hymn: **AM665** **I am the light**

[t Richmond]

*I am the light whose brightness shines
on every pilgrim's way,
and brings to evil's darkest place
the glorious light of day.*

*I am the bread, God's gift from heaven,
sent down to satisfy
that hunger which cries out for food;
who eats shall never die.*

*I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,
and truth shall set you free
to seek and find the way to life
and live that life in me.*

(Words: Robert Willis)